



**Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report**  
 Board of Park Commissioners  
 (August 21, 2019)

**I. Project Updates (as of 8/16/2019)**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress/Status</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion</b>
Page Park Pool Design	Bids were extended to 8/19. Pending successful bids we are still on track for a fall 2019 construction start.	May 2020. Grand re-opening ribbon cutting event TBD.
Rockwell Mountain Bike Trails	Safety signs have been installed. The trails are nearing completion in time for opening on Wednesday August 28, 2019. Parks have engaged with an artist to paint a 3D crosswalk mural connecting the two sections of the park.  Phase 2 of the project was approved by the Building and Maintenance committee at the July meeting.	Ribbon cutting/Grand opening program is scheduled for Wednesday August 28, 2019.  Phase 2 of the project is approved. The mountain bike volunteers are free to engage in fundraising efforts.
Parks & Recreation Master Plan & Page Park Site Master Plan	Board of Park Commissioners approved the scope of the work at the July meeting. Superintendent is working with Roger to finalize the RFP to be released later this summer.	RFP for design/consulting firm will be issued summer 2019. Contract awarded for the Fall with work beginning shortly after.
Page Park Green Monster Improvements	Contract has been awarded for power washing and painting of the building. Work expected to commence shortly.	TBD. Phased work
Muzzy Field Parking Lot	Public Works Department has begun work on the parking lot. The section of lot will have limited access during the construction.	TBA Fall 2019

**Special Highlights:** The Bristol Parks and Recreation Department is now a Premier Membership Agency with the National Recreation and Parks Association. This provides all department staff and board members access to the latest research, data, webinars, networking and training opportunities; through the country's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks, recreation, and environmental conservation.

## II. Parks, Grounds and Facilities Division Highlights

- Parks crew members attended the annual Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association Field Day Event in Newtown. They were able to test out park maintenance equipment and bring their recommendations back to Bristol. A new ride on leaf blower was purchased from their recommendation at this event. The machine is expected to greatly improve leaf blowing efficiencies.
- Parks Division staff have met with contractors to begin assessing the costs of bringing Rockwell Bathhouse concessions and bathrooms online for public use during concerts and events throughout the year. Additionally, discussions with contractors for indoor improvements to Page Pavilion for resident rental use is on-going.

### *Vandalism Updates*

Damage	Location/Date	Repair Progress/Update
N/A	N/A	N/A

## III. Recreation Division Highlights

- An extra week of Summer Camp entitled “Summer Send-Off” was added to accommodate the growing demand for care prior to the start of the school year. The program was based at Page and Rockwell pavilions and had 65 campers in attendance. Additionally, a trial run of Extended Care was successfully offered with 20 kids enrolled.
- The fall program brochure was completed and released in the Bristol Observer in early August. Official registration opens August 27th but the division offered special early registration opportunities at both the Bristol Farmer’s Market and Rockwell Festival. Dozens of residents took advantage of the opportunities.
- A new REC N’ Read at Rockwell program was established in partnership with the Bristol Library, Public Works and Senior Center. To celebrate national grandparents days kids are encouraged to bring grandparents (or parents/guardians) to the park to enjoy story time, themed arts and crafts and the ribbon cutting of our first Rec N’ Read Library built from recycled transfer station materials.

Recreation & Event Measures	July 2018	July 2019
# of youth engaged in recreation programs	1813	1777
# of adults engaged in recreation programs	167	153
Total # of recreation programs running	35	35

*\*Decrease due to the retirement of gymnastics and dance programs.*

Additional Highlights by the numbers:

- Bristol Parks and Recreation inaugural Green Team clean up took place on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Close to 50 members of the public collected 500 lbs of trash at Rockwell Park (1/4 ton of garbage).

- Participation for Tennis Programs has increased by 17% this summer, demonstrating a renewed interest in tennis after seasons of decreasing numbers.

#### IV. Aquatics Division Highlights

- The new full time Aquatics Coordinator position was filled with long standing BPRD employee and Bristol resident Elizabeth Ouellette. Liz has worked for the division since 2009 as a lifeguard, lifeguard instructor, water safety instructor, and most recently as a Head Guard. Liz assumed her new role on 8/16 working nights/weekends to ensure supervisory coverage for the pools.
- An offer has been made to a candidate for the Facilities Maintenance Technician role. The division hopes to have the individual in place within the next month.
- Dennis Malone Aquatics Center annual shut down is scheduled for 8/11-8/23. Major work includes a lobby renovation (new paint, new flooring, furniture, desk and a fiber network to address long standing network/phone issues). DMAC re-opens to the public on 8/24.
- DMAC hosted the Little League Tournaments throughout August bringing in dozens of kids to use the pool.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Neon Night's Event was held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Rockwell Pool drawing over 200+ visitors to enjoy the pool, foam pit, drone dome, shaved ice and more!

	July 2018	July 2019
<b>Aquatics Measures</b>		
# of visits to the Dennis Malone Aquatics Center	1520	1582
# of Pool Memberships sold	39	32
# of youth learning to swim	507	278

#### Upcoming Special Events- Save the Date

Event Name	Date	Time	Location
Mayor's Back to School Pencil Hunt	Thursday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30-7:00pm	Muzzy Field
Bristol Green Team: Park Clean-Up w/a Twist	Saturday August 31 <sup>st</sup> , September 28 <sup>th</sup> , October 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am-11:00am	Page Park (8/31) Rockwell Park (9/28 & 10/26)
REC N' Read at Rockwell	Saturday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-2:30pm	Rockwell Park Pavilion