

**Franklin Town Council Presentation
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Franklin Recreation Department

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Introduction

- Franklin Recreation offers the residents of Franklin a variety of programs and events for youth and adults as well as coordination of field use for all athletic organizations. Our registration numbers continue to impress each year. In 2018, we had 5,277 kids enrolled in programs and our department brought in just under \$500,000.00 in revenue. That's 17% of the total population enrolled in classes. We estimate at least 25% of the population are impacted by Recreation in some way. Trails, fields, playgrounds, programs, etc.

Programs...

- In 2018, the Recreation Department offered 95 unique programs, with 401 different class offerings and as I mentioned, 5,277 participants.
- Summer Camp 1,121 kids
- Rec. Basketball 1,026 kids in our K-8 winter program, and 580 in our HS intramural program.
- Flag 532, Pee Wee 214, G-Lax 228, Field hockey 175, Track 130, Street 120 Volleyball 90,

Programs in 2018

Girls Lacrosse	Strength & Conditioning	Girls On the Run 2018 Spring
Adult Pickleball	Disc Golf Lessons for beginners	Girls on the Run FALL
April Vacation 2018	More Fun w/ Friends Lunch Bunch	Happy Dogs Hike 2018
Archery 2018	More Fun with Friends (Tues.) 2018	Home Alone Safety
Art inspired by the Cake Bar!	More Fun with Friends (Wed.) 2018	Intro to Robotics
Art Summer Camp!	More Fun With Friends Lunch Bunch (Mon) 2018	Jedi Engineering W/ LEGO's
ARTventure Studios	Mother's Day: Mother-Daughter Tea Party!	Kid Care Babysitting 2018
ARTventure Valentine's Day Art Party!!	NHL Street Hockey 2018	Ladies Light Hike 2018
Baseball- Summer 2018	PEE WEE BASEBALL 2018 (Spring)	Learn to EXTREME Coupon
Basketball 2018 (K-12 grade)	Peter Cottontail's EGGcellent Adventure	Indoor Winter Track 2018
Chilson Beach 2018	PhysicsFUN	Spring Track 2018 (Outdoor)
CIT Franklin Summer Camp 2018	Preschool Little Engineers (Drop Off)	Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza
Community Garden (King Street) 2018	Preschool Mad Scientists (Drop Off)	Video Game design
Cookies and Cocoa w/ Santa	Preschool Science: The Amazing Body	Volleyball (Girls) 2018
CPR 2018	Preschool Science: Travel Through Space	Wrestling 2018
Curb Your Cravings: Nutrition 101 for Busy Moms	Robotics 1	Your First 5K
Disc Golf	Robotics II	Youth Golf Lessons 2018
Engineering FUNdamentals W/ LEGO	Rocketry!	First Friends 2018
Exercising Confidence: Boosting Mental Toughness	Run For Your Life 2018	First Friends Camp 2018
Exploration Station & Ooey Goey For You 2018	Science Camps!	Franklin Summer Camp 2018
February Vacation 2018	Science for Seedlings	Tennis Lessons
Tomorrow Star's Summer Sports Camps 2018	Summer Sports Camps 2018	Swimming Lessons 2018

Fall Programs

- NFL Flag Football-532 kids (ages 6-14)
- Girls Field Hockey-175 kids (ages 6-14)
- Golf (year round)-300 kids/adults
- Cross Country-60 kids
- Girls on the Run-75 girls (year round)

Franklin Recreation founded the Commonwealth Field Hockey League with 13 Towns from around the area.

<https://www.commonwealthfieldhockey.com/>

Winter Programs

- Basketball-1 450 kids (K-12)
- Indoor Track & Field- 132 kids (ages 6-14)
- Volleyball-90 girls (middle school)
- Wrestling-35 kids
- Ice Skating lessons
- Indoor field hockey and lacrosse

Spring Programs

- Girls Lacrosse-228 kids (year round)
- Pee Wee Baseball- 214 kids
- Street Hockey-130 kids
- Outdoor Track and Field-130 kids
- Girls on the Run-small program of 15
- Golf Lessons-50+ per season (spring/fall)
- Pickleball-NEW fastest growing sport

Summer Programs

- King Street Summer Camp-1,121 kids in 8 weeks.
- Chilson Beach-Franklin residents only
- Summer Sports Camps (Beaver turf)-300 kids
- Pre School camp (275 Beaver Street)-200+ kids
- 4th of July Road Race-100+ runners
- Baseball & week long educational programs (computer software, engineering)

Events

- Earth Day
- Disc golf Tournaments
- Community Garden at King Street
- 4th of July Road Race
- Peter Cottontails EGGcellent Adventure
- Pepsi Pitch Hit and Run
- NFL Punt pass and kick
- Scotts® Homerun Derby Competition

Community Education

- CPR/AED Training
- First Aid Classes
- Kid Care Babysitting classes
- Baseball and Basketball officiating certification courses
- Seasonal programs: Valentines Day art, Cookies w/ Santa, Mothers Day Tea party, Sports injury prevention, concussion training, learn to crochet

How we do it.....Staffing

- The Recreation Department has 2 full time staff (director, program coordinator) and 1 part time administrative assistant (15 hours/week).
- 45% of our personnel budget is made up of season payroll. (23 camp counselors, 12 lifeguards, 3 gate guards, 4 certified pre school teachers, 2 art instructors, 50+basketball referees and more)
- 19 Senior tax work out (volunteers)

Fields & Playgrounds

The Recreation Department does all permitting of fields and playgrounds in town. We work closely with the DPW to ensure proper maintenance of all playgrounds is kept up to ASTM and CPSC standards.

New playground equipment at Fletcher in 2015, DelCarte in 2017 and King St in 2019. Currently planning playgrounds for Beaver Street and Nason Street Tot Lot which will be in our capital requests for 2020 & 2021.

Fields & Playgrounds

- Dacey Community Field Playground (2007), Dacey Disc Golf (2013)
- Fletcher Field Playground (2004 & 2015)
- Nason Street Tot Lot (2003)
- King Street Memorial Playground (2005)
- Vendetti Playground at Beaver Pond (2005)
- DelCarte Recreation Area (2017)

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Fields & Locations

- Dacey Community Fields on Lincoln Street
- Fletcher Field on Peck Street
- Pisani Field (formally Theron Metcalf) on Peck Street
- King Street Memorial on King Street
- Beaver Pond (Chilson Beach) on Beaver Street
- Franklin High School on Oak Street
- Horace Mann School on Oak Street
- Parmenter School on Wachusett Street
- Davis Thayer School on East Central & Union Street
- Remington-Jefferson School on Washington Street
- J.F.Kennedy School on Pond Street
- Oak Street School on Oak Street
- Tri County Regional Vocational High School on Pond Street
- Meadowlark Field on Meadowlark Lane off Chestnut Street

Community Service & Eagle Scouts

- We provided over 1000 hours of community service in 2018. And over 500 hours of eagle scout badges in 2018. Disc golf course, playground kiosks, park benches, signage, etc.
- FHS and Tri County students come to our department to fulfill their school required hours of community service.

New Initiatives for Recreation

- Post tensioned concrete basketball and pickleball courts at King Street, playground improvements, walkway repair.
- Post tensioned concrete basketball and street hockey rink at Fletcher Field
- Scoreboard at FHS Stadium turf \$35k grant from Middlesex savings bank
- Beaver Pond improvements (additional grass playing fields, lax wall, playground improvements)
- Adopt-A-Park: Trail improvements at Indian Rock, Riverbend Conservation Area, and Town Forest
- Protective netting for baseball field at FHS.
- Questions?