

# Franklin Recreation Department

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# Introduction

- Franklin Recreation Department 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 grow each year. In FY2022, we had 6,293 kids enrolled in programs and our department brought in \$619,000.00 in revenue. That's 19% of the total population enrolled in programs. We estimate more than 25% of the population are impacted by Recreation in some way. Trails, fields, playgrounds, programs, etc.

# Recreation Department Staff

- 3 Full Time office staff, 1 Park time admin asst.
- 91 Active part time employees which includes program coordinators (10), referees (42), camp counselors (18), art instructors (3), gate guards (4), high school aides/instructors (6)
- Tax work off volunteers (100 hours per year)
- Volunteer coaches (140)
- Contracted employees (40 officials, programs)
- 55% department budget is personnel

# Recreation Department Operations

- Programs (100+ annual)
- Events (Concerts/Movie Night, Earth Day-200, Egg hunt-118)
- Facility Scheduling (5000 kids in youth sports)
- Park Planning (Town playgrounds/fields)
- Volunteer Management (eagle scouts, sports teams performing comm service)

# Programs...

- In 2022, the Recreation Department offered 117 unique programs, with 400 different class offerings and as I mentioned, 6,293 participants.
- Summer Camp 1,121 kids
- Rec. Basketball 1380 kids; 900 in our K-8 winter program, and 480 in our HS intramural program (3 X per year).
- Flag 575, Pee Wee 289, G-Lax 236, Field hockey 390 (plus Commonwealth 100+ teams), Track/Running 194, Street 140 Volleyball 90,



# Programs...

- Other Programs: Community Garden (56), Chess, Pickleball (50+), Golf (100+), Strength/Conditioning, Pre School (586), Tennis (66), Wrestling

# Events...

- Concerts on the Common (6 weeks/3 movies) in conjunction with Farmers Market
- Earth Day
- Peter Cottontails Egg Hunt

# Programs in 2022

Art Exploration 3/4 Week Workshops	Game On Mobile Gaming	Pickleball
Art Exploration One Day Workshops	Girls Field Hockey	Preschool Summer Camp
Art Exploration Summer Camp	Girls Lacrosse	Preschool Themed Drop Off Classes
Art Exploration Thursday	Golf	Real World Robotics
Art Exploration Tuesday	Happy Feet	Recreation Basketball
Basketball 3v3 Tournaments	High School Intramural Basketball	Red Ball Tennis
Basketball Skills & Drills	Kids to 5K!	Red Cross Babysitting Training
Breakfast with Santa	King Street Summer Camp	Robotics
Chess	Ladies Light Hike	Rocketry
College/Adult Field Hockey Summer League	Ladies Snowshoe	Snapology Robotics Themed Classes
Community Garden	Leader in Training Program	Strength & Conditioning
CPR/First Aid Training	Little Science Seekers	Tomorrow Stars Flag Football Camp
Disc Golf	Mini Stix Field Hockey	Track & Field Indoor
Earth Day Clean Up!	Mini Stix Lacrosse	Track & Field Outdoor
Field Hockey	More Fun With Friends (Tuesday)	Volleyball
Field Hockey Jamboree	More Fun With Friends (Wednesday)	Wrestling
First Friends	Music & Movement	Yoga on the Beach
Learn to Fish	NHL Street Hockey	Young Artists
Flag Football	Pee Wee Baseball	
Flag Football Camps	Peter Cottontails Eggcellent Adventure	

# Fall Programs

- NFL Flag Football-575 kids (ages 6-14)
- Girls Field Hockey-390 kids (ages 6-14)
- Golf (year round)-200 kids/adults
- Kids to 5K-75 girls (year round)
- Art and Pre School (year round)

Franklin Recreation founded the Commonwealth Field Hockey League with 17 Towns, 100 teams from around the state.

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



# Winter Programs

- Basketball-1380 kids (K-12)
- Indoor Track & Field- 194 kids (ages 6-14)
- Volleyball-90 girls (middle school)
- Wrestling-35 kids
- Tennis
- Speed & Strength
- Pickleball
- Indoor field hockey and lacrosse

# Spring Programs

- Girls Lacrosse-236 kids (year round)
- Pee Wee Baseball- 214 kids
- Street Hockey-130 kids
- Outdoor Track/Kids to 5K-130 kids
- Community Garden-56 beds
- Golf Lessons-200 kids/adults per season
- Pickleball-NEW fastest growing sport in US, learn to play and competitive classes

# 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-200+ kids
- Concerts/Movies on the Common
- Track series
- Baseball & week long educational programs (computer software, Snapology, engineering)

# Community Education

- CPR/AED Training
- First Aid Classes
- Red Cross Babysitting classes
- Baseball and Basketball officiating certification courses
- Seasonal programs: Valentines Day art, Cookies w/ Santa, Mothers Day Tea party
- Photography

# 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. We also schedule all playing fields for 5,000 kids in youth sports and FHS sports.

New playground equipment at Beaver Pond in 2021 (Vendetti playground) and fitness course completed today. King Street improvements in 2019 and DelCarte playground in 2017. Currently planning new playgrounds at Nason Street Tot Lot and Fletcher Field which should be complete by 2023. Working on master plan for King Street Memorial Park.

# Inventory of Facilities

## Playgrounds

- **Beaver Pond Fitness course (2022)**
- **Vendetti Playground at Beaver Pond (2021)**
- **King Street Memorial Playground (2005), improvements made in 2019**
- **DelCarte Recreation Area (2017)**
- **Dacey Community Field Playground (2007), Dacey Disc Golf (2013)**
- **Fletcher Field Playground (2004 & 2015), improvements coming in 2023.**
- **Nason Street Tot Lot (2003) improvements coming in 2023**

## 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**

# Facility Pics



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# Capital Projects

- Nason Street Tot Lot
- Fletcher Field Playground (front structure and surfacing)
- King Street Memorial Park Master Plan (building, lights, parking, playground, splash pad, pickleball)
- Dacey Field playground
- Horace Mann Fields and track improvements (behind school) and upper basketball area
- -Beaver Pond scoreboard and press box
- -Remington basketball courts (post tension concrete)
- -FHS Baseball/softball restroom facility
- -FHS stadium bleachers (visitors side)
- -Dacey Field restroom facility
- -Front turf at FHS resurfaced
- -FHS Tennis courts resurfaced (post tensioned concrete)

# Recreation Opportunities in Franklin

Boating

Hiking

Pickleball

Swimming

Dog Park

Basketball

Soccer

Football

Flag Football

Baseball

Hockey

Softball

Street Hockey

Lacrosse

Field hockey

Volleyball

Sand Volleyball

Sculpture Park

Disc Golf

Martial Arts

Badminton

Cricket

Beach

Canoe & Kayak

Chess

Cooking

Tennis

Ice Skating

Gardening

Track

Bocce

Dance

Cycling

Museum

Art

Golf

Mountain Biking

Fishing

Weightlifting



# Questions?

Thanks for allowing me to share all the great things going on at the Recreation Department.

**QUESTIONS?**

**SUGGESTIONS ON PROGRAMMING OR FACILITIES?**

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