

RECREATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In 2015 the Arlington Recreation Department continued to offer a variety of safe, quality programs and facilities for the residents of the Town of Arlington. The Ed Burns Arena at the Veterans Memorial Sport Complex had 2,055 hours of ice rentals and our public skating attendance numbers were 4,567 adults and 7,091 youth/seniors, excluding seasonal skate passes.

The Department has been committed to providing quality programs, special events, and improvements to its many facilities. New programs offered in 2015 include: Middle School Field Hockey, Middle School Football, Middle School Track and Field, Chill Zone Summer Drop in program, Futsal League Expansion, Expanded Outdoor Summer Concerts, and Performances at the Reservoir Beach.

Overall the participation numbers in recreational programs have increased from 9,004 participants in 2014 to 9,630 participants in 2015. A total of 1,281 season passes were sold, which is less than the same number of passes that were sold last year. However, the number of day passes increased by over 3,000. The North Union Spray Pool located adjacent to the Thompson Elementary School was open for the full 2015 season and was a huge hit amongst residents.

Gibbs Gymnasium continued to house a majority of the recreation indoor programs as well as provide indoor birthday party and gym rental options for the Arlington community. The Department oversees the rental of the facility, which currently includes various youth activities and organizations, adult basketball, and soccer. Gibbs Gym again hosted over 100 birthday parties in 2015.

Arlington Recreation collaborates with various Town organizations to offer Town-wide special events. Such events include the Town Day Road Race, Daddy Daughter Dance, Egg Hunt, Halloween and Special Winter Public Skates, Art in the Park and the Moonlight Beach Party. This year we continued to offer the suc-

cessful Special Needs Skate Program with the Arlington Catholic High School Boys' & Girls' Hockey team and their coaching staff.

Limited outdoor recreational facilities and playing fields continue to be an important issue facing Arlington Recreation. The Department continues to work with both high schools and the Town's many youth sport associations, the Department is crafting policies and procedures to assist in the scheduling and maintenance of Town playing fields. The Department also works with many of the park abutters, neighbors, and friends' organizations on capital projects, perpetual park concerns and maintenance items.

Arlington Recreation increased its state license and now operates a licensed pre-school program and after school care programs. The Arlington Kid Care program was opened again in September at the Gibbs Gymnasium. There are currently 148 children enrolled in the afterschool and preschool program.



Ed Burns Arena	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Ice Rental Hours and Lessons	1,859	1,944	1,962	1,934	2,010	2,055
Public Skate #'s-Adult	3,979	4,484	4,258	4,708	5,023	4,567
Public Skate Passes #'s-Adult	58	53	53	31	98	116
Public Skate #'s-Child/Sen	7,846	8,317	8,411	8,115	8,195	7,091
Public Skate Passes #'s-Child/Sen	98	127	79	67	174	148
Skate Rentals	2,762	3,235	2,959	3,378	3,931	3,621
Skate Sharpening	982	1112	848	691	914	785
Skate Sharpening Passes	20	15	9	16	3	5
Stick and Puck	557	557	657	1,137	1,749	1,005

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Season	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Summer	1,634	1,832	1,823	1,165	2,915	3,177
Fall	920	1,110	1,263	1,862	1,731	1,924
Winter	1,506	1,207	2,012	1,236	1,860	2,313
Spring	812	772	786	2,826	2,413	2,069
Kids Care Membership	0	0	0	42	85	148
Total	4,872	4,921	5,884	7,089	9,004	9,630
Reservoir Tags						
Adult Resident	455	437	437	423	426	363
Child Resident	443	395	395	376	364	374
Senior Citizen	70	71	71	60	59	74
Non Resident	13	24	24	6	3	0
Resident Family	379	340	340	511	470	459
Non Resident Family	34	27	27	30	0	0
Resident Family Plus 1	70	64	64	74	109	11
Non Resident Family Plus 1	3	6	6	0	0	0
Total	1,467	1,364	1,364	1,480	1,431	1,281
Reservoir Passes						
Total Daily Passes	6,081	4,717	5,730	5,374	6,172	9,565

*Seasonal fluctuations between FY2012 and FY 2013 are due to a change in reporting software in FY2013.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Arlington Recreation continues to manage the capital improvement projects for the Park and Recreation Commission. In 2015 the Spy Pond Tennis Courts were renovated and a dividing wall was installed at the Gibbs Gymnasium. The Commission also began design for the Magnolia Park renovation and first round of Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades.

2016 Objectives

Arlington Recreation will continue to offer residents quality recreational programming. It is the goal of the Department to increase and improve program offerings every season. The Department will continue to work with users of the Ed Burns Arena and Town outdoor playing fields to address the increasing needs of the community. Our financial goal is to continue to become increasingly self-supporting through appropriate fee structuring and program and facility management.



New Spy Pond Court