

# RECREATION

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Arlington Recreation Department continued to offer a variety of programs and facilities for the residents of Arlington in 2017. The Department operates as a self-supporting department in the Town and does not utilize general fund dollars to support the staff, programs, or Ed Burns Arena.

The Ed Burns Arena had a strong year in 2017. The chart below gives you an overview of the usage at the rink for the previous 5 years.



Skaters at Ed Burns Arena

Ed Burns Arena	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Ice Rental Hours	1,934	2,010	2,055	2,032	1,795*
Public Skate #'s-Adult	4,708	5,023	4,567	4,795	6,288
Public Skate Passes #'s-Adult	31	98	116	107	65
Public Skate #'s-Child/Sen	8,115	8,195	7,091	7,643	4,805
Public Skate Passes #'s-Child/Sen	67	174	148	140	109
Skate Rentals	3,378	3,931	3,621	3,325	3,386
Skate Sharpening	691	914	785	845	528
Stick and Puck	1,137	1,749	1,005	1,377	1,425

\*In FY17 Program Software Changed, ice now tracked by time v. slot used

2017 was the first full year of using new program software for the rink. All information for the rink is now tracked using MyRec recreational software. Ice Rentals, programs, and special events are now all managed in this one system.

The Department has been committed to providing quality programs and special events. The chart below gives you an overview of the Department's participation numbers for the past 5 years.

Overall the participation numbers in recreational programs has fluctuated over the past five years. Over the last two years program numbers have been steady around 9,000 participants. However there will be a number of factors that will impact these numbers in 2018 and moving forward.

The access to a primary recreational program space has the biggest impact on the Department's ability to maintain the same level of programming. The Department used the Gibbs Gymnasium until the summer

of 2017 for a total of 2,400 hours for programs and rentals annually. Without a primary space it will be difficult to maintain the same level of programming moving forward. Continued access to school gymnasiums will be critical in the Department's ability to maintain its level of programming.

The numbers at the Reservoir have fluctuated a bit over the past 5 years. The chart below represents the number of beach goers over the past 5 years.

Supply and demand continues to be a challenge with the parks and playing fields in town. The Department works closely with Public Works to try and balance usage with conditions. The number of fields has remained constant over the years, but the influx in the school age population has increased the demand. There is also a growing request for new leagues and pick-up adult usage. The Department will continue to work with the various user groups, friends groups, and residents to address these challenges.

Season	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Summer	1,165	2,915	2,403	3,806	3,600
Fall	1,862	1,731	1,097	1,370	1,055
Winter	1,236	1,860	2,299	2,333	2,354
Spring	2,826	2,413	1,184	1,529	1,840
Kids Care Memberships	42	85	148	163	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,131</b>	<b>9,004</b>	<b>7,131</b>	<b>9,201</b>	<b>8,964</b>

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Reservoir Tags	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Adult Resident	423	426	363	279	215
Child Resident	376	364	374	339	198
Senior Citizen	60	59	74	68	53
Non Resident	6	3	0	0	0
Resident Family	511	470	459	325	272
Non Resident Family	30	0	0	0	0
Resident Family Plus 1	74	109	11	79	66
<b>Total Tags Sold</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>804</b>
<b>Total Daily Passes</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>6,172</b>	<b>9,565</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>11,782</b>

### Park and Recreation Commission

Arlington Recreation continues to manage the capital improvement projects for the Park and Recreation Commission. Projects in 2017 consisted of:

- Magnolia Park Project – Grand opening of the park late spring 2017.
- Reservoir Master Plan – Initial Public meetings, surveys and testing completed.
- Robbins Farm Project – Completed almost of the work including, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades, field renovations, and historical elements at the site.
- Florence ADA Upgrades – completed ADA upgrade for accessibility at the field.

### 2018 Goals

The Department will be working once again with the Public Schools to continue to offer its state licensed afterschool program. The steady growth in the school age population will continue to increase the need for afterschool recreational space, further compounding the challenges in 2018 and beyond. The Department has a number of projects on the books for 2018 including finalizing park improvements at Robbins Farm Park, ADA upgrades, completing the Reservoir Master Plan, and fence work at Robillard Field. The Department is in the process of requesting funding for additional projects in 2018.



*New playground at Magnolia Park.*