

Directors Report *June*

Planning/Coordination

Continued implementing Reopening Plan for the department divisions.

Attended pre-bid meeting for the painting of the basketball court at the community center and repairs and painting of the hockey rink deck.

Attended Munis training for new software system being implemented throughout Town.

Reviewed Draft Open Space Conservation Plan and provided comments.

Communications

Marketing

Made a short video with Senior Center Director, responding to questions from the public about why the center is not opening until September.

Participated in July 4th video for the virtual July 4th Parade.

Volunteered to hand out meals as part of evening meals program run through Groton Senior Center.

Projects

Met with consultant for riparian restoration project along Fort Hill Brook within Sutton Park.

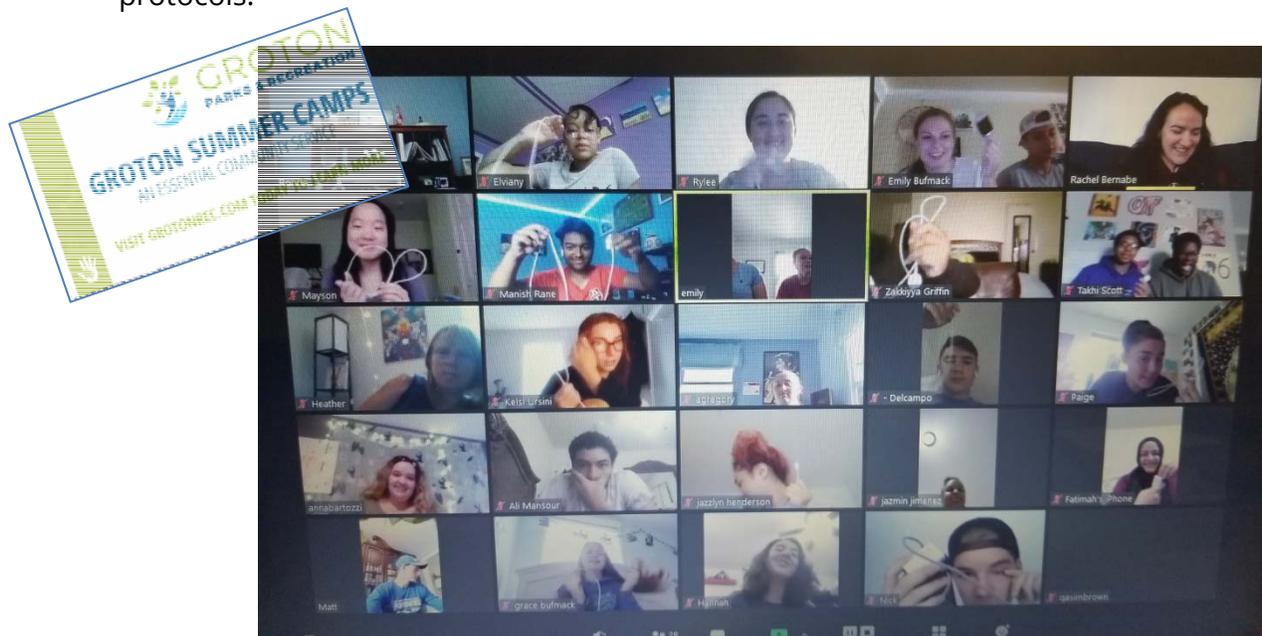
Continued working on agency accreditation initiative, compiling various Evidence of Compliance documents and identifying gaps. Continued developing, Department Risk Management Plan and Document Review Table. Started developing Encroachment Policy and language to include green purchasing.

Recreation *June*

Essential Services:

Groton Parks and Recreation is preparing for summer camps by providing additional training for staff members. Due to our limited ability to do in-person training, much has been accomplished virtually. GP&R also contracted with Empower Leadership to provide its Online Camp Staff Training Experiential Workshop. Staff members are receiving a great deal of training on ways to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus including working with staff from Groton Public Schools to ensure rooms and areas we use are properly cleaned and disinfected.

Discover Day Camps are being held at Mary Morrisson and Claude Chester schools and Camp Button, our adaptive camp, is being held at SB Butler. Additional sport camps are being held outdoors with limited numbers and additional safety protocols.



Social Equity :

Groton Parks and Recreation staff members are taking the lead in the community in organizing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and working with other town staff to contract with Though Partners Solutions to provide training to all staff, elected officials and interested community members. Work continues in organizing, getting new members on board, and planning an event later this summer celebrating the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have Dream" speech.

Senior Center *June*

Community Connections

The Senior Center began the Community First evening meal distribution in June. The Community First Program is available to Groton resident's two nights a week. These meals are at zero cost to the residents. Pick up sites are TVCCA on Central Ave, St. John's Christian Church in Groton City, and Beacon Community Center. Volunteers from the Police, Senior Center, Recreation, Rotary Club, Lions Club and the community helped deliver and distribute the meals. The program has received sponsorships as well as donations to make it happen. Donations for the meals came from Children First Groton Collaborative, Pfizer, Pepsi, Utz, William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund Covid Relief, Hartford HealthCare, Village Market, Paul and Angela McGuirk and a large amount of generous people of Groton. The program started with 50 meals per site and is now 80 to 100 per site per day for roughly 1900 meals served in June.



Covid 19 Update

The staff continues to provide meals and needed transportation to the older adults in the community as well as virtual programming. The Senior Center Supervisor has been working on a state committee on plans for Senior Centers in the state to reopen. The State Commissioner from the Department of Aging and Disability, the State Epidemiologist, the Director of East Shore Health District and the President of the State Council of Governments, and a member of the Reopen CT committee joined senior center directors in discussions on when to open and what would be safe to offer. Guidelines will be coming from the state after phase 3 of reopening has started. An early recommendation for opening of senior centers is to not open until September. The Senior Center Supervisor and Director of Parks and Recreation taped a Senior Beat show for channel 2 to continue to educate seniors and the public on the reopening plans for the center and stressing that those 65+ and with compromised immune systems are still under a Stay Home, Stay Safe order until Phase 3.

Recognition

The Senior Center received its official recognition for National Accreditation at the NCOA Virtual Conference in June. The center was one of only 30 senior centers to receive national accreditation for 3 or more times. In addition, the Senior Center Supervisor presented in a virtual session on the Program of Excellence award program, Baker's Battle that was also received. This was a monetary award of \$100 for the Fundraising category.

Parks *June*

Ongoing Maintenance

Continued clean-up around various Town buildings; work included shrub, hedge trimming, leaf and debris cleanup, weeding and mulching. Utilized the surf rake to remove seaweed at Esker Point Beach. Hauled seaweed to Rhode Island.

Installed new Central Park sign.



Mocked up new G.C.C. banner brackets, and sent out for powder coating.



Reopened and installed new Covid-19 guidelines signs at the skate park, all playgrounds, dog park, roller hockey rink, and tennis courts

The irrigation systems at Poquonnock Plains Park and Calvin Burrows field have been charged for the season; several repairs have been completed.

All baseball and softball fields were edged and lined for the upcoming season.

Flail mowed all trails at the Copp property.

Installed new Covid-19 guideline signs at the bathrooms at Poquonnock Plains Park, Calvin Burrows field and the Mystic bathrooms.

Projects



Shennecossett Golf *June*

Contribute to Economic Development

Marketing/Promotion

The course was featured in an article on golf.com talking about the best courses and hidden gems in New England. <https://golf.com/travel/course-rater-confidential-best-courses-new-england/>

The course was ranked in the top ten public courses in Connecticut for 2020 by Northeast Golf. <https://www.northeast.golf/magazine/>

Course Operations

Brush was cut down in several areas around the course.

Wetland area in front of 16 tee was trimmed.

All hedgerows were trimmed this month.

Sand was added to several greenside bunkers.

Lower practice bunker was edged.

Greenside irrigation heads and valve boxes were trimmed around.

Several irrigation repairs were completed.

Greens were treated with fungicide and fertilizer on 6/17 and 6/25.

Tees were treated with fungicide and fertilizer on 6/10 and 6/29.

Fairways were treated with fungicide and growth regulator on 6/9.

Tee plaques and yardage plates in fairways were edged.

All drains were cleared after rain events.

Revenue this June was \$101,716 greens fees, \$30,322 cart fees, \$44,190 season passes, and \$4,033 Par Four rent and misc., for a total of \$180,261. There were 0 course closures, and 4 rain events.

Revenue last June was \$98,614 greens fees, \$28,143 cart fees, \$0 season passes, and \$5,157 Par Four rent and misc., for a total of \$131,914. There were 2 course closures, and 6 rain events.



Projects