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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – May 7th – 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion with Harbor Island Conservancy
- 2. Year-Round Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee
- 3. Parks & Recreation Budget Presentation
- 4. Update on Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- 5. Parks Department Update
- 6. Recreation Department Update

Action May be Required:

- Vote on March 2025 Minutes (5-5-25)
- Vote on April 2025 Minutes (4-2-25)

Upcoming events:

June Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on June 4th, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Meeting – March 5, 2025, 7:00 PM

Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Attendees: Dan Margoshes, Kristen Barnard, Eric Williams, Brittany Ross, Karrie Sergio, Carlo Recca, Barry Casterella

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Dan Kushnick, Kathleen Gill

Absent: Jarrett Winchester, Randi Robinowitz

Opening: Dan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. PRC members introduced themselves.

Minutes: Corrections to draft minutes were made. Eric made a motion to approve the February minutes as amended, Karrie seconded. February minutes were approved as corrected.

Village Manager Observations:

Kathleen Gill thinks Harbor Island Park needs attention, specifically the buildings and the beach area. She has ideas for revenue opportunities.

Rushmore Playground:

George Mgrditchian, Orienta Point Association (OPA) President, spoke that Rushmore Playground needs to be upgraded. The goal would be to improve the park but keep it smaller because the lack of parking may not support outside the neighborhood residents. Jeff Ahne, Parks Supervisor, received bids from Playcore, a playground company, for three different designs. A motion was made to endorse the Playcore option to replace the existing playground with an upgraded experience, including swings. OPA believes that they can raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The 2025-2026 budget is tight, so it was agreed to evaluate the recreation fund balance after the volleyball court construction is completed this Spring.

Park and Recreation Master Plan Study Update:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study will encompass the entire harbor, including buildings. Projects being considered for the first year are work on the playground, extending the beach deck and replacing the band shell with a canopy that can provide shade for Summer Camp as well.

Beach Volleyball Courts:

Jeff and Jason will write up paperwork and send it to Kathleen for a near future Board of Trustees meeting with the goal of having the new volleyball courts ready for the next volleyball season.

Parks Update:

Field seeding has begun for little league and soccer fields. The Parks department helped the harbor master locate 15 docks, including the new fishing dock. The new spray ground equipment has arrived,

and installation will begin in the upcoming weeks, weather permitting. Opening expected Memorial Day weekend.

Recreation Update:

Camp registration has 180 residents signed up, but staffing is going slower than last year. Deposits for camp trips are all in. Thirty-five camp scholarships were given this year, with five additional ones from donations made in Dan Sarnoff's memory. Dr. Eric Lutinsky, Rye Neck Superintendent, authorized the usage of Rye Neck Schools for village summer camp in the event of rain. He promised the new superintendent will honor this agreement. RFP went out for new holiday lights to beautify Mamaroneck Avenue. Fireworks set for July 4th. One concert was cut due to excessive costs.

PRC Committee Members:

Jarrett Winchester plans to resign and will officially sent notice to Sally Roberts.

Closing: Carlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next meeting is on April 2, 2025.

Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Meeting – April 2, 2025, 7:00 PM

Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Attendees: Dan Margoshes, Randi Robinowitz, Kristen Barnard, Eric Williams, Brittany Ross, Karrie Sergio

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne

Absent: Jarrett Winchester, Barry Casterella, Carlo Recca, Dan Kushnick

Opening: Dan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Dan indicated that he needs to resign as chairperson. Kerrie nominated Randi as chairperson. Kristen seconded. Brittany agreed to be vice chair. Both unanimously approved.

Minutes: March minutes will be revised and approved at May meeting.

Park and Recreation Master Plan Study Update:

The master plan is awaiting approval and will be on the Board of Trustees agenda to vote in public. At next meeting we should discuss project priorities. PRC members should plan to attend BOT meetings to speak and support our much-needed PRC improvements.

Seawall:

A \$450,000 New York State grant has been secured for the engineering and architectural design of the seawall, with a deadline of October 2025. The total replacement of the 1.1-mile seawall is estimated to cost tens of millions of dollars. Elevation of the fields may be needed as part of this project.

Beach Volleyball Courts:

Temporary, beach volleyball courts were approved by the Board of Trustees and work will begin shortly. This was a timely enactment so beach volleyball can operate at full capacity.

Improvements needed:

Garage storage-two vehicles are currently in the lobby of the recreation building. Snowflake replacement-Village Manager will select new holiday, lighting pole items. The Parks Department is responsible for storage and placement. Movie screen-10 plus years old. Better beach shower. Shade structure with picnic tables. Security cameras are 13 years old. Red boat is 30 years old and used for kayak and paddleboard programs, moving docks and marine education. Small pickup truck.

Parks Update:

Spray ground cement will be poured in the next couple of weeks. Spring cleanups are on-going with mulching of beds, field preparation, seeding and fertilization. Jefferson Park renovation was completed in one day.

Recreation Update:

Beach attendant, lifeguard and cashier positions are almost filled. Camp counselor positions are in progress. Selling Summer beach and parking passes has begun. Kayak programs are selling out. A few new ones, sunset and naturalist kayak programs have been added.

PRC Committee Members:

Jarrett Winchester will officially resign this month and send notice to Sally Roberts. A new PRC member will be sought.

Closing: Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brittany seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. The next meeting is on May 3, 2025.

RESOLUTION RE:

RE-ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR YEAR-ROUND RECREATION STUDY

WHEREAS The Village of Mamaroneck's Harbor Island Park includes tennis courts which have been used year-round for many years, providing both year-round recreation for residents and revenue to the village; and

WHEREAS The Village of Mamaroneck, formed an ad hoc Tennis Committee in 2019, to examine continuation of year-round tennis in the village; and

WHEREAS The ad hoc Tennis Committee completed its work and made recommendations to the Board of Trustees in 2020; and

WHEREAS such recommendations included continuation of year-round tennis in the village, but recognized the need for additional study of possible relocation of the tennis courts, as well as studying the possible addition of other year-round sports and recreation offerings as part of a tennis rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS The ad hoc committee for year-round recreation was never established due to the Covid-19 pandemic

WHEREAS the Village of Mamaroneck would benefit from additional work from members of the the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as additional residents interested in exploring options for a year-round recreational facility in the Village of Mamaroneck;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Mamaroneck establishes an ad hoc Committee for Year-Round Recreation, consisting of no more than nine members (with up to four members of the Parks & Recreation Commission and five members of the public not otherwise members of the Parks & Recreation Commission), such work to be completed with a report to the Board of Trustees no later than **December 31, 2026**.

<u>Mission Statement Option #1:</u> The Village of Mamaroneck Ad Hoc Committee for Year-Round Recreation is charged with exploring and recommending options to expand year-round recreational opportunities for the community. Building on past work related to year-round tennis and the use of Harbor Island Park, the committee seeks to evaluate potential locations, facilities, and programs, including the possible development of a dedicated year-round recreation facility. In collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission and community members, our mission is to identify sustainable, inclusive, and accessible recreation strategies that support wellness, foster community engagement, and enhance quality of life for all Village residents.

Mission Statement Option #2:

The Village of Mamaroneck Ad Hoc Committee for Year-Round Recreation is re-established to evaluate and recommend sustainable, inclusive year-round recreational opportunities for the community. Building on prior studies of Harbor Island Park's year-round tennis use and its role in serving residents and generating village revenue, the committee will explore the potential relocation and rehabilitation of the tennis courts and consider the addition of other year-round recreational offerings. Through collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission and public input, the committee aims to deliver a comprehensive report to the Board of Trustees by December 31, 2026, supporting informed decisions that enhance the Village's recreational infrastructure and quality of life.

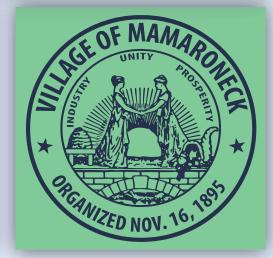
<u>Mission Statement Option #3</u>: The Village of Mamaroneck Ad Hoc Committee for Year-Round Recreation is charged with evaluating and recommending sustainable, inclusive, and accessible recreational opportunities that support community wellness, engagement, and quality of life for all Village residents. Building on previous work, including studies related to Harbor Island Park and year-round tennis, the committee will explore a range of options—such as relocating and rehabilitating existing facilities and developing new year-round programming or infrastructure. In collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission and with input from the public, the committee will deliver a comprehensive report to the Board of Trustees by December 31, 2026, outlining feasible strategies to enhance the Village's recreational offerings in a fiscally responsible and forward-thinking manner.



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Fiscal Year 25-26 BUDGET PRESENTATION



ABOUT US

the mission

To preserve, enhance and inspire a healthy lifestyle that will enrich the mind, body and spirit through quality and affordable recreation programs and by providing outstanding parks, facilities and services.

the goal

To provide quality recreation and play spaces for all residents including children, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

Jason Pinto - Superintendent of Recreation

Jeff Ahne - General Foreman of Parks

Pamela DePiro - Recreation Leader

Diane Cividanes - Recreation Assistant

Donna Dickerson - Recreation Assistant

Kristen Salov - Office Assistant

JUST THE FACTS



athletic fields were utilized for **3,500** hours

over **22,000** beach visitors in **102** days

over **30,000** cars parked in Harbor Island Park

25 community events Planned Annually

parkland per **1000** residents maintained by Parks

parks, medians, sidewalks & more

over **144** acres of Village properties are mowed every **5** days

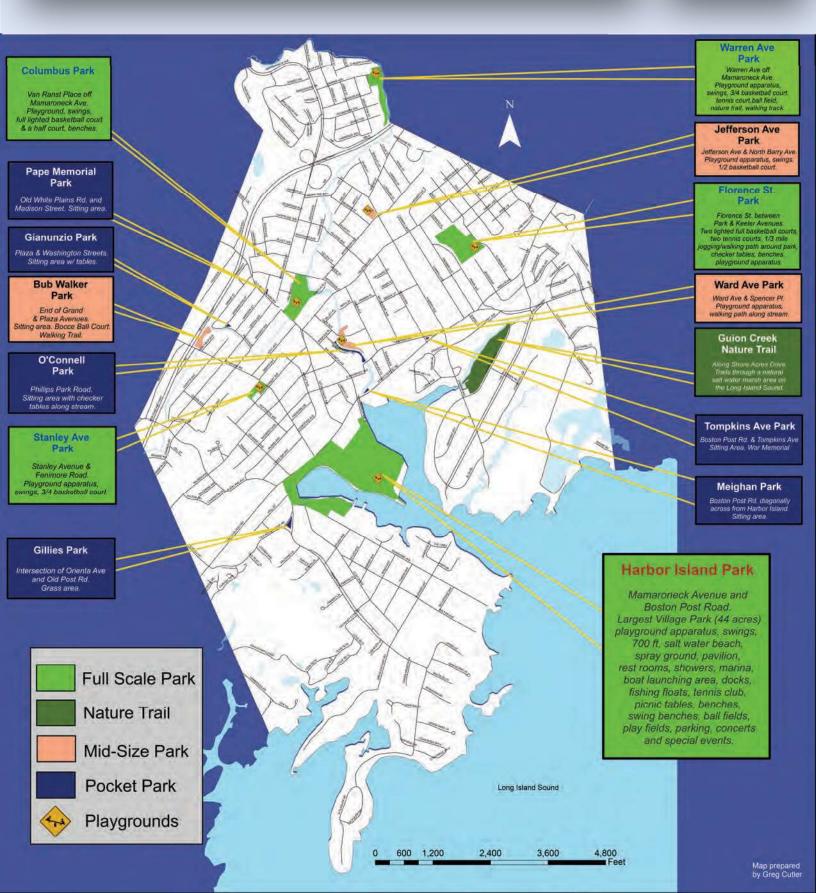
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that's **14** acres per staff member on **41** separate parcels over **5 miles** of sidewalks are maintained during winter

that's 37 sidewalk parcels or 1/2 mile per staff member

village PARKS





DESIGNATED PARKLAND

COMMUNITY PARKS	ACRES
Bub Walker Park	0.3
Columbus Park	6
Florence Park	9.9
Gianunzio Park	0.1
Gillies Park	0.3
Guion Creek Nature Trail	N/A
Harbor Island Park	44.4
Jefferson Avenue Park	0.5
Meighan Park	0.1
O'Connell Park	0.06
Pape Memorial Park	0.06
Stanley Avenue Park	1.5
Taylors Lane Park	N/A
Ward Avenue Park	0.4
Warren Avenue Park	4.1

Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

total acres manage

119

BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Recreation & Athletic Venues

- Ongoing natural turf maintenance program on athletic fields in Harbor Island Park
- Added six (6) 24/7 accesible AED's in outdoor locations around Harbor Island Park
- Renovation of Goetze baseball field by Parks Department
- Installed tempory basketball court in Harbor Island for the Day Camp
- Installed Wifi/Bluetooth Irrigantion Controls at multiple Village Locations.
 Work Completed in House

Village Parks

 Fabraicted and installed Holiday Decorations for Various Village events

beautiful

- Planted trees in house throughout the Village as part of Tree City, USA designation.
- Renovated Jefferson Avenue Park Playground and Basketball Court
- Renovated Florence Park Playground, Basketball, and Tennis Courts
- Installed Memorial Benches in Harbor Island Park East & West Basins



KEY FIGURES

The Parks & Recreation departments provide service levels combined with a dedication to the residents

Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion at Harbor Island Park

- the Stephen E. Johnston beach and pavilion deck provide consistent and important revenue streams for the department by way of its summer camp program and seasonal beachgoers
- 320 registered summer camp attendees in 2024 \$400,000 in camp revenue projected
- over 22,000 total beachgoers | 25+ programs offered through the Recreation department | programming includes summer camp, sports programs, adult leagues, fitness programs, kayaking, paddle boarding, STEM and art programs
- 🌓 665 seasonal beach & permits sold
- 35 + pavilion deck rentals \$20,000 in revenues

22,000 beach visitors

in its 102-day season



\$127,000 | beach revenues \$144,000 | parking revenues



operating expenditures per capita

\$95/YEAR Including Revenues

did you know?

The department proudly hosts many annual and special events throughout the year. In 2024, there were:

- 1,442 Turkey Trot 5K participants totaling \$47,725.00 in revenue
- 5 blockbuster movies watched in Harbor Island Park
- 4 Mamaroneck Avenue Parades held in 2024
- 7 concerts and musical performaces held annualy throughout Village parks
- Sportime tennis bubble annual license fee realized \$442,514 in revenue for FY 24-25

residents per park

1,502



SPECIAL EVENTS

traditional and long-running special events have been enjoyed for generations

The Village of Mamaroneck has been celebrated through the numerous special annual events held in our Parks. From its Summer on the Avenue block parties in the heat of summer, to its annual Turkey Trot 5K & Gobbler Race in chilly November, the Parks & Recreation departments strive to provide fun-filled and exciting events throughout the year for its residents. Patrons can enjoy movies on the beach with their families, dance along with musical performances at the Tiki Party held on the beach to sipping hot coco at the Annual Tree Lighting Social at the Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion in December. Family-oriented, community events fill our busy event schedule all year and help define Mamaroneck as the best place to live, work and play.



community events





- **Movies in the Park**
- Summer on the Avenue Block Party
- VMFD Firemen's Carnival and Parade
- Independence Day Fireworks/Concert
- Tiki Party Beach Luau
- Juneteenth
- Monarch Butterfly Festival
- VMPD National Night Out
- Family Camp Out
- Concerts in the Park
- Kiwanis Car Show
- Spooktacular
- Scarecrow Build
- Turkey Trot & Gobbler Race
- Tree Lighting and Holiday Events
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- **Spring Egg Hunt**
- Memorial Day & Veterans Day Ceremonies

COST RECOVERY PROJECTION: FY 25-26



\$1,809,500

\$1,547,424 RECREATION total expenditures

\$1,508,250 RECREATION REVENUES

44 percent Parks & Rec Cost Recovery FY 25-26



it's all about **PARKS**

community

25+ community events, celebrations, parades, holidays & concerts

gorgeous greenspace

13 Village Parks 119 acres of parkland 700 ft. saltwater beach salt marsh nature trails waterfront conservation area Harbor Island cherry blossom grove

all kinds of recreation

- 5 multipurpose athletic fields
- 4 baseball/softball fields
- **4 outdoor tennis courts**
- **8 indoor tennis courts**
- **8** playground locations
- Dog Park
- waterfront sprayground

activities for all ages

adult & youth sports leagues, healthy lifestyle classes, summer day camp, tennis clinic school break & holiday camps, Art + STEM programming, fishing, boating, sailing, kayaking and more.