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Parks and Recreation Director's Annual Report 2010-2011

As Director of Parks and Recreation, I hereby submit the Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

EASTERN POINT BEACH:

Eastern Point Beach officially closed on Monday, September 6, 2010. During the summer of 2010, 42,700 patrons attended the beach. 19,176 were City of Groton Residents; 5,128 non-paying walk-ins; and 18,396 were out of City people.

On Thursday, August 19, 2010 the beach hosted the Twenty-seventh Annual Pfizer Triathlon. The participants in this event swim six hundred (600) yards, biked ten (10) miles and run four (4) miles.

The Zbierski House continues to be a popular location for families and agencies to rent for gatherings of fifty (50) or less people.

SUMMER RECREATION:

The Summer Playground Program held at Washington Park and West Side Middle School completed another successful year. Two Hundred and ten (210) youngsters were enrolled in these programs:

	Washington Park	West Side
Minnows (4 & 5 yr olds)	16	12
Snappers (6 & 7 yr olds)	32	13
Piranhas (8 & 9 yr olds)	40	11
Marlins (10 & 11 yr olds)	29	16
Barracudas (12-14 yr olds)	31	10
Total	148	62
Grand Total	210	

Youth Tennis Lessons at Washington Park started on Monday, June 21, 2010. Sixty (60) youngsters registered for the Program. The age group breakouts are as follows:

Tiny Tots (4-5 yr olds)	12
Junior Clinic I (6-9 yr olds)	24
Junior Clinic II (10-12 yr olds)	11
Teens (13-18 yr olds)	13
Total	60

Seven (7) Concerts in the Park were held at Washington Park during the months of June, July, and August this program is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Groton Utilities.

Golf Lessons were offered to Adults and Youth and were held at the Great Brook Golf Center.

FALL RECREATION:

Forty-seven (47) youngsters are participating in the Fall Soccer Program.

Cosmos (under 8 years old)	18
Bantams (under 10 years old)	16
Seniors (under 14 years old)	13

The Junior Division (under 12 years old) members are playing on a combined Dolphin Sports and City team as there were not enough registrants in this category to field a full team.

Family Swim at the UCONN-Avery Point Pool started September 26, 2010 this program continues to be popular.

Youth and Adult Karate started September 21, 2010 and ran for five week sessions throughout at the year at West Side Middle School.

The thirtieth-first Annual Halloween Party as held on Friday, October 29, 2010 at Eastern Point Beach. We had 53 vehicles participate in the First Trick or Trunk Event with over 200 people overall.

WINTER AND SPRING RECREATION:

The Winter Recreation Program prevailed with various supervised activities offered during the fall and winter months. Programs provided were: Peewee Basketball, Intermediate Basketball, Junior Basketball, Elks Hoop Shoot, Over-Thirty Basketball, and Karate

Family Swim was offered at the UCONN-Avery Point Pool on Sunday afternoons, a large number of families enjoyed this program.

City Cabaret held four (4) concerts in the auditorium during the months of December, January, February and March.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 23, 2011, a large crowd turned out to gather eggs on the Municipal Building lawn and to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

Two (2) publications of the Parks and Recreation Department informational Brochures were distributed to the Residents of the City of Groton, one in September 2010 for all FALL/WINTER Activities and one in February 2011 for all SPRING/SUMMER activities.

BEACH AND PARKS MAINTENANCE:

The department performed all general maintenance and grooming duties for all beach and parks properties during the year. The City's parks system encompasses Washington Park – 32.82 acres, Eastern Point Beach - 9.4 acres, Birch Plain Creek Nature Area - 11 acres, Slocomb Terrace, the National Submarine Memorial, Colonial Manor, Costa Property, Griswold Point and Parklets at Bridge Street, Circle Avenue, Harmacy Park, and Smith/Allen Streets.

Washington Park continues to be one of the premier recreation areas in Southeastern Connecticut. It offers residents and non-residents a place to picnic, relax, and play with six (6) picnic shelters, exercise course, two (2) basketball courts, five (5) baseball/Softball fields, six (6) Tennis Courts, and sliding area. It provides a recreational and family atmosphere we are proud of.

Highlighted Events:

Annual City of Groton Day
2010 Jimmy Fund Softball Tournament
Groton Little League Baseball
Groton Little League Softball
13-15 Babe Ruth League
16-18 Babe Ruth Baseball
Home of Avery Point Baseball
Eastern Connecticut Major League
EBAC Industrial Softball League
Pfizer Softball League
Fitch High School Softball
Fitch High School Baseball
Ella T. Grasso Tech High School Baseball
Ella T. Grasso Tech High School Softball
Groton Wildcats Baseball
America's Game Baseball Camp
Workers Memorial Day
West Side Middle School cross-country meets
West Side Middle School Softball

Connecticut DEP Safe Boating Course
Branford Manor Picnic
Holiday Festival

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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