Today's
CITY OF GROTON
Spring - Summer
2026

Recreation Programs & Events in the City of Groton

Eggstravaganza, Concerts in the Park, Waves & Jams,

Summer Playground, Golf, City Wide Yard Sale Day,

Beach Pass Sales, City Day and more.

Make some History with us!

Contacts & Policies

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The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the City Municipal Building in Council Chambers

Office Location

City of Groton, Municipal Building
295 Meridian St. Groton, CT 06340

Visit us on the Web

http://cityofgroton.com

Mission

The mission of the City of Groton Parks & Recreation is to promote a wide range of quality recreation and wellness programs along with park facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Registration Policy

Registration is required for all programs. If the class does not reach its minimum enrollment, it will be cancelled. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program. Participants will be notified of all cancellations. Full payment of fees on all activities and classes must be made at the time of registration. Checks are payable to the "City of Groton."

Refund Policy

If the Recreation Department cancels a program/ class, a refund will be given. If a session is cancelled due to weather or other problems, an effort will be made to schedule a make-up session. If a make-up session cannot be scheduled, no partial refund will be made.

Cancellations

Program cancellations due to weather conditions will be announced on Channels 3, 4, 6 & 8, 105.5, 104.7, 102.3 FM & 980 AM, or the individual may call the Recreation Department at 860-446-4128. Evening activities will be cancelled by 3:00 pm.

Whenever Groton schools are cancelled or closed early, programs are also cancelled.

LOCAL CONTACT NUMBERS		
Groton Little League (Baseball & Softball and Babe Ruth)	Phone : 860-857-5732 Email: Grotonpresidentll@gmail.com	
Groton Mystic Youth Football League	Keona Strickland McKinney grotonmysticfalcons@gmail.com	
Cheerleading	Zhane Adams zhaneadams1@gmail.com	
Groton Soccer Club	grotonsoccer@yahoo.com	
Groton/Mystic Lacrosse	Chad Frost	860-608-1528

Save the Date—Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 4th is our Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt event at the City Municipal Building. Starts at 10 am sharp.

Bring your basket, Easter Bunny & McGruff will be here!

City Wide Yard Sale Day

Individually hosted Yard Sales will be held on

Saturday, May 30th from 9 am—3 pm

throughout the City of Groton.

A map of the registered addresses and a sign to display will be provided.

City residents can register their address online at http://cityofgroton.com, by email to pr@cityofgroton.com or call us at 860-446-4128.

Registered participants can stop by our office starting Tuesday, May 26th to pick up their sign.

Eastern Point Beach Pass Sales start:

In Person: starting Saturday, May 2nd

Monday-Thursday 1-6 pm,

Saturdays 9am—1 pm in the P&R Office

Online/Mail/Drop Box: May 1st

City Day
GROTON CITY

Friday, August 7th is our Annual CITY DAY Event at Washington Park—starts at 5 pm

Family Friendly Event with Kids Zone, Demos and Displays, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and more!

CITY of GROTON
FARMERS' MARKET

From June 9 through October 27 Every Tuesday from 3-6pm at Washington Park

Interested in becoming a vendor? Email COGfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

April Class Offerings

GOLF LESSONS at Great Brook Golf Center

Chris Hedden promotes a fun and relaxed learning environment. He will cover the following fundamentals: grip, stance, posture, backswing, follow-through, sand shots, downswing, chipping, putting, equipment information, and golf etiquette.

Fee: City of Groton Residents $200 Non-Residents $220

Participants will need the following equipment: A 3 wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge, and a putter. If you do not have clubs, equipment is available. Each student must purchase a small basket of balls for each lesson. Grab a friend and enjoy!

ADULT GOLF LESSONS		**WOMEN ONLY**	
Mon, April 6 - May 4	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm	Thurs, Apr 30—May 28	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm
Wed, April 8- May 6	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm	Tues, May 5— June 2	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm
YOUTH GOLF LESSONS Ages: 8 – 15			
Sat, April 11—May 9	11 am- 12 noon	Sat, June 6—July 4	11 am-12 noon

Youth Soccer Clinic

Program runs on Fridays, April 10—May 29 at Thames River Magnet School

Our clinic is designed to inspire young athletes to develop their soccer skills while enjoying a fun, supportive and engaging environment.
Grades 1-2 from 3:45—4:45 pm
Grades 3-5 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Fee: $40 for all 6 weeks Limited space available

Babysitting Safety & CPR/First Aid

Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9 am—4 pm

at the City Municipal Building for ages 12-18

From getting started with their business, to key safety, first aid tips, dealing with parents and children and more. $80.00 (bring a lunch) Certificate awarded

Adult First Aid & AED/CPR Training

Saturday, April 25th at City Municipal Building from 9 am—2 pm

Includes a course book and a two-year certification (sent via email) as students will be trained within the guidelines of the American Heart Association in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), AED training and basic first aid (bleeding control, choking relief).

$60 per person (bring a lunch)

860-446-4128

KARATE at Thames River Magnet School

Program will be offered to boys and girls and will run in a five week session. The kids will learn concentration, self-Confidence, and listening skills while practicing the art of modern and traditional Tae Kwon Do. Through drills, students will; earn respect, manners, self-defense (Stranger Danger), and improved fitness.

This is an introductory program and uniforms are not required for the first 5 weeks. All classes are taught by Bob Chester, a 6th degree Black belt.

Spring Session

Tuesdays, April 21–May 19, 2026

*** Minimum of 4 students needed to hold class.*

All sessions are held at Thames River Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Ave, Groton

Ages & Time:

5 – 7 year olds
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Fee:
$40.00/ 5 week session

8-12 year olds
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm
Fee:
$50.00/ 5 week session

Tea Making Workshops

Herbs for Stress Management Workshop

Sunday, April 12 from 2-3 pm

Fee: $40 per person *Location: Zbierski House, Eastern Point Beach*

Participants will learn the benefits and properties of herbs that will help with stress management and relaxation. Using these herbs, participants will create their own unique tea blend to take home. Hand blended teas paired with chocolates from Thyme for Tea CT will be provided *Feel free to bring a reusable mug/cup to take home some hot tea in*

Plant Your Own Tea Garden Workshop

Sunday, May 3rd from 2-3 pm

Fee: $40 per person *Location: Zbierski House, Eastern Point Beach*

Participants will have the opportunity to pick from a variety of herb and flower seeds to create their own tea garden that will be perfect for a windowsill or patio. The same herbs will also be used during class to create a tea blend to take home. Hand blended teas paired with chocolates from Thyme for Tea CT will be provided.

Feel free to bring a reusable mug/cup to take home some hot tea in

Project Oceanology—FREE Events for Groton Residents

Thursday, March 19— Fish Printing; traditional Japanese art of Gyotaku from 5:30-7 pm

Thursday, April 2— Seal Watch Cruise; educational voyage on Fishers Island Sound 2:30-5 pm

Thursday, April 30—Water Quality of Long Island Sound (ties into Earth Day) from 5:30-7 pm

Thursday, May 7—River Cruise; local historical landmarks as seen from LIS 2:30-5 pm

Located at 1084 Shennecossett Rd, Groton (UCONN Avery Point Campus) **Registration Required.**

Summer Playground ~ Beach Pass Sales

WEEKLY FEES ONLY
NEW: Field Trips are included in Weekly Fee!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
SAVE $10 per week
(DEADLINE MEMORIAL DAY, 5/25)

June 29th – August 14th

Summer Playground

at Thames River Magnet School

8:30 am – 3 pm (grades K-9)

Weekly Early Bird: $50 City Resident / $95 Non-Resident
Weekly after Memorial Day: $60 City Resident / $105.00 Non-Resident

OFFICIAL BEACH SEASON **Saturday, June 13, 2026 to September 7, 2026 ***

How do I purchase a Season Beach Pass:

*** Starting Memorial Day weekend season passes will be required or Daily Fee will be charged. Weekends/Holiday only until June 13th.**

Drop Box / Mail In / Online *Begins May 1st*

In Person Sales will begin on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9 am—1 pm.

Saturday, May 2—Thursday, June 11, 2026
Monday – Thursday: **1:00 – 6:00 pm** at the Parks & Recreation Department
Saturdays: **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Beginning Monday, June 15—Thursday, September 3, 2026 Mon– Thurs 8 am—4 pm
Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm at Parks & Recreation Office, 295 Meridian Street

SEASON PASS RATES 2025

(Vehicle registration is needed to purchase a pass)

City Residents/City Taxpayers 62 years old and older*	**$20.00**
City Resident/Taxpayer /City Employees	**$40.00**
City Resident/City Taxpayer 2nd Vehicle	**$30.00**
Town of Groton Taxpayer 62 yrs+ * Taxpayer may be required to show current tax bill as proof.	**$40.00**
Town of Groton Taxpayer	**$80.00**
Non-resident 62 years old and older*	**$55.00**
Non-resident (under 62)	**$100.00**

* To be eligible for this rate, an individual must be 62 on or before Labor Day.

$5.00 Military Discount on Season Pass with Military ID

WALK-IN GUEST PASS **$40.00** **(For walk-in purposes only)**

Summer Music—Groton City Brew Run

Waves & Jams! at Eastern Point Beach

Front lawn of the Zbierski House, starts at 6:00 pm.

Bring your chair and enjoy the beautiful views and wonderful music.
Snack bar is open for your convenience.

Save these dates! Parking is free for anyone with a beach pass or City Resident (after 5 pm),
Non-Residents are $5.00 to park starting at 5:30 pm on concert evenings.

Wed, June 24th - Wed, July 22nd - Wed, August 19th

Concerts in the Park 2026

GROTON CITY HISTORY in the MAKING

All concerts are held on Friday evenings, 6:30 pm at Washington Park, 155 Meridian Street in Groton

Bring your chair or blanket, have dinner from the food trucks and enjoy some great summer music!

June 16	Mystic Dead	July 17	Whiskey Boulevard
June 26	Branded	July 24	Wicked Peach
July 3	Wild Nights	July 31	Diva and the Playboys
July 10	The Cartells		

Concert Hotline: 860-446-4129

5th Annual Groton City Brew Run

Saturday, September 12, 2026

This is a 5K run at Eastern Point Beach in Groton, followed by a brewfest, music, and food. Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/GrotonCityBrewRun

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Groton, CT

GROTON CITY
HISTORY *in the* MAKING

Planning a Party?

Rent a Pavilion in our beautiful Washington Park setting.
Pavilions come with a grill!

Small Pavilion
(25-30 ppl)
Large Pavilion
(70-75 ppl)

Call 860-446-4128 for reservations

10% Military Discount Available!
155 Meridian St. in Groton

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BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

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12:00—2:00 PM

TRIPLEDALE FARM PETTING ZOO!!

ALL SUMMER LONG — Games, Activities, Summer Reading Programs & Prizes for All Ages!

STORY TIME
Mondays at 10:00 AM
MUSIC & MOVEMENT
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM