



# *Today's* CITY OF GROTON **Spring-Summer 2025**



## ***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

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

### Mayor

Keith Hedrick

### Deputy Mayor

Gweneviere Depot

### City Council

Erin Artale

Christine Piazza

Paul Norris

Tony Patterson

Stephen Sheffield



### Parks and Recreation Department Staff

Director: Mary K. Hill

Admin Assist: Valerie Koschmieder

Program Coordinator: Jordan Furey

### Department Contact Information

Recreation Office: 860-446-4128

Email: [pr@cityofgroton.com](mailto:pr@cityofgroton.com)

### Beach and Parks Committee

William Borysewicz, Chair Brian Clinton

Gail Kelly Scott Nadeau

Stacy Popp Devin Robarge

Jennifer Smith Barry Tuohy

Benjamin Moore

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: <a href="mailto:Grotonpresidentll@gmail.com">Grotonpresidentll@gmail.com</a>
Groton Mystic Youth Football League	Mae Wagner <a href="mailto:mwagner.gmf@gmail.com">mwagner.gmf@gmail.com</a>
Cheerleading	Zhane Adams <a href="mailto:zhaneadams1@gmail.com">zhaneadams1@gmail.com</a>
Groton Soccer Club	<a href="mailto:grotonsoccer@yahoo.com">grotonsoccer@yahoo.com</a>
Groton/Mystic	Chad Frost 860-608-1528

## Save the Date—Community Events!

# 3rd TEAM PUZZLE CHALLENGE with a TWIST

300 PIECE CUSTOM PUZZLE. 2 HOURS.  
CAN YOUR TEAM FINISH FIRST?

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, START TIME IS 6:30 PM  
GROTON CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Register your team (4 people max) at [cityofgroton.com/Parks & Recreation](http://cityofgroton.com/Parks%20&%20Recreation) or call us at 860-446-4128. Each Team gets the same custom puzzle and will keep it. Drawing for other prizes.

Fee: \$20 per Team

Prize for the  
two fastest  
puzzle teams!



## Saturday, April 26th

11 am - 1 pm

at the City Municipal Building,  
295 Meridian Street, Groton

*Looking for extra hands to clean up areas of Groton City. We provide plastic gloves and bags. You provide your muscles and lots of City Pride!*

Call 860-446-4128 to let us know you can make it.



## Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19th  
starts at 10 am sharp

*Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
for ages 2-12*

Groton City Municipal Building  
Front Lawn



## City Wide Yard Sale Day

Individually hosted Yard Sales will be held on  
**Saturday, May 17th from 9 am—3 pm**

throughout the City of Groton.

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

### Clean out your Basement/Closets/Garage!

City residents can register their address online at <http://cityofgroton.com>,

by email to [pr@cityofgroton.com](mailto:pr@cityofgroton.com) or call us at 860-446-4128.

Registered participants can stop by our office starting Monday, May 12th to pick up their sign.



# SPRING CLASSES - 860-446-4128



## 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 7 - May 5	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm	Thurs, May 1— May 29	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm
Wed, April 9 - May 7	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm	Tues, May 6— June 3	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm
YOUTH GOLF LESSONS			
Ages: 8 – 15			
Sat, April 12—May 10	11 am- 12 noon	Sat, June 7—July 5	11 am-12 noon

## CPR / AED For Adults



**Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 10 am—12:30 pm**

Place: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building,  
295 Meridian St, Groton

American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED For Adults (Ages 18 +) reflects the latest science and education providing students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of CPR and use of an AED. This course is approximately 2½ hours long.

Fee: \$60.00 per person CERTIFICATES ARE AWARDED

## Tea Making Workshops



### Spring Make & Take Class

Saturday, April 12th 3-4 pm

Fee: \$40 per person

Location: Zbierski House, Eastern Point Beach

Participants will learn about 10 different herbs used to make dried tea blends. They will use herbs and flowers popular in spring to create their own unique tea blend to take home. Try two handcrafted tea blends from Thyme from Tea CT that will be paired with chocolates.

Mommy and Me Tea Party Class  
Mother's Day Tea Make & Take (ages 13+)

\*\*\*\* Details on page 6! \*\*\*\*

## KARATE

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 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black belt.

### Spring Session

Tuesdays, April 22–  
May 20, 2025

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



### 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

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

## April Vacation Youth Offerings

### Child and Babysitting Safety & CPR AED/First Aid

The new Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from ASHI gives teenagers and young adults everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting. From getting started with their business, to dealing with parents and children, to key safety, caregiving, and first aid tips, the magazine-format CABS guide and vlogger-style video make learning fun.



American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED/First Aid courses provide students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid and/or CPR and use of an AED. This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community. Students should be at least 12 years old for this class.

Tuesday, April 15th

APRIL VACATION WEEK!

Time: 9:00 am–4:00 pm (bring a bag lunch)

Ages: 12–17

Place: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian St, Groton

Fee: \$80.00 per person

Limit: 16 students

Students will receive a Certificate of Completion and CPR Certification!



### April Vacation Soccer Clinic for Ages 6 - 14

This Clinic runs each day from, Monday, April 14 through Thursday, April 17th  
9 am to Noon and will be held on the outside field  
at Thames River Magnet School. It will be moved inside with inclement weather.

**\*\* Each participant gets a soccer ball and t-shirt!**

Space is limited. Fee: \$130.00 per child



## Summer Workshops/Markets/Reading

### Tea Making Workshops for Pairs



#### Mommy and Me Tea Party Class

**Saturday, May 3rd 10-11 am**

Fee: \$60 per pair—\$10 for additional Child

Location: Zbierski House, Eastern Point Beach

Pairs will work together to create an herbal themed craft to take home to enjoy. Each participant will get to take home a sample of tea and a teacup to enjoy their teas at home. Bring your mom or favorite lady for an afternoon of fun!

#### Mother's Day Tea Make & Take (ages 13+)

**Sunday, May 4th 3-4 pm**

Fee: \$40 per person OR \$75 per pair if registered together

Location: Zbierski House, Eastern Point Beach

Participants will get to try two handcrafted blends from Thyme for Tea CT, each paired with chocolates and snacks. Learn about herbs and flowers commonly used for teas then use them to create your own unique blend. Participants will get to bring home their own teacup to enjoy their new tea at home.



## CITY of GROTON FARMERS' MARKET



**From June 10 through October 28**  
**Every Tuesday from 3-6pm at Washington Park**

Interested in becoming a vendor?  
Email [COGfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:COGfarmersmarket@gmail.com).



**2025 SUMMER READING AT  
THE BILL MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY!**

**BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**12:00—2:00 PM**

**TRIPLEDALE FARM PETTING ZOO!!**

**RAIN DATE THURSDAY, JUNE 26**



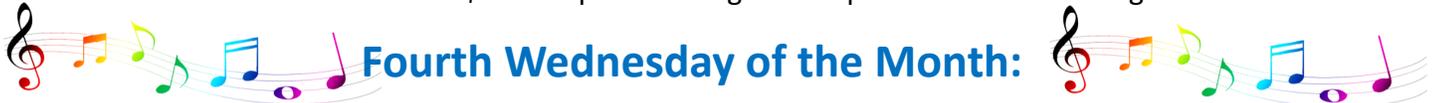
**HISTORY  
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GROTON CITY**

## 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.



**Fourth Wednesday of the Month:**

**Wed, June 25th - Wed, July 23rd - Wed, August 27th**

## Concerts in the Park 2025



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!



<b>June 20</b>	<b>Eight to the Bar</b>	<b>July 18</b>	<b>Fusion</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Take it to the Bridge</b>	<b>July 25</b>	<b>Diva and the Playboys</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Wild Nights</b>	<b>August 1 @ 7 pm*</b>	<b>American Honey</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Marshpit</b>	<b>* Special start time and show for City Day!</b>	

Concert Hotline: 860-446-4129

## 4th Annual Groton City Brew Run Saturday, September 6, 2025



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>

## Summer Vacation Programming



### S.T.E.A.M. CAMP Grades K-5

**Monday, June 16–Friday, June 20  
in the Auditorium ,City Municipal Bldg**



#### **Building Up S.T.E.A.M. Using LEGO® DUPLO® (9 am—Noon for grades K -1 / ages 5-6)**

It's never too early to begin using the engineering design process! Children are working independently and cooperatively as they begin to explore simple machines using LEGO® Duplo® early childhood materials. There will be 2 or 3 motion-based projects introduced each day of the week with additional challenge activities for all building skill levels. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home lab sheets showcasing what they build in order to share with family and continue the learning process outside of camp.

Projects may include wedge launchers, scissor lifts, and drumming machines.

#### **S.T.E.A.M. Works Using LEGO® (1—4 pm for grades 2-5 / ages 7-9)**

It's time to explore the engineering design process! Children are working with standard LEGO® materials to problem-solve engineering challenges involving structure, levers, gears, pulleys, and other elements of simple machines. There will be 2-3 projects introduced each day of the week with additional challenge activities to accommodate all building skill levels. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home lab sheets that demonstrate what they are building so they can share with family and continue the learning process outside of camp.

Projects may include drawbridges, flywheel cars, and amusement park rides.

**FEE: \$155.00 per child** | \*\* Limited to 24 in each group

#### WEEKLY FEES ONLY

\*\* Field Trips are included  
in Weekly Fee!

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

SAVE \$10 per week

(DEADLINE

MEMORIAL DAY, 5/26)

# Summer Playground

at Thames River Magnet School

8:30 am - 3 pm (grades \*K-9)

Weekly Early Bird: \$50 City Resident / \$85 Non-Resident

Weekly after Memorial Day: \$60 City Resident / \$95.00 Non-Resident

8:30 am - 11:30 am (Pre-K - TK)

Weekly Early Bird: \$30 City Resident / \$45 Non-Resident

Weekly after Memorial Day: \$40 City Resident / \$55.00 Non-Resident



## June 23rd - August 8th

Must be registered and paid in full by Wed @ 4 pm the week  
prior to attending. Late fees will apply if pick up is late.

\*Kindergarteners must be 5 years old prior to September 1st

# City Day / Community Service Award



## SAVE THE DATE

40th Anniversary

Friday, August 1, 2025 | 5 - 8 pm  
Washington Park

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

FEATURING A  
Concert in the Park  
beginning at 7 pm by

AMERICAN  
*Honey*

Kids Zone  
Entertainment

Delicious + Budget  
Friendly Food

Giveaways + Booths  
Interactive Displays

Cupcake Eating Contest, Corn Hole Tournament  
Petting Zoo, Craft Bus, Balloon Animals + More!



2025 GROTON UTILITIES

*Jacqueline B. Nixon*  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

CITY OF GROTON - GROTON UTILITIES

Honoring a member of the community who has contributed his or her time, energy and resources to make the community a better place in which to live and work.

### NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Must be Groton Resident  
Gives Back to the Community  
Generous/Committed to Helping

### HONORING THOSE WHO LOOK OUT FOR THE REST OF US

Now is the time to honor those who think of others before they think of themselves.

MORE INFORMATION:  
dbouges@grotonutilities.com

### ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS THROUGH JULY 6, 2025

Groton Utilities will donate \$2,500 to the winner's charity of choice as well as present the winner a plaque at an awards ceremony at City Day on August 1, 2025.

APPLY AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/GU-CSA2025](https://bit.ly/gu-csa2025)

# Eastern Point Beach

A beautiful, family oriented beach with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound.

## OFFICIAL BEACH SEASON

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 to September 1, 2025 \***

### 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 14th.

## *Drop Box or Mail In*

Begins May 1st. Pass will be mailed to you. Include self-addressed stamped envelope so it can be mailed back to you.

## *Online Sales*

Begins May 1st at <http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com>. **\$2** will be added to cover postage and envelope.

*In Person Sales* will begin on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9 am—1 pm.

### **Saturday, May 3—Thursday, June 12, 2025**

Monday – Thursday: **1:00 – 6:00 pm** at the Parks & Recreation Department

Saturdays: **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**NOTE: TIME CHANGE  
FOR IN PERSON SALES**

### **Beginning Monday, June 16—Thursday, August 28, 2025**

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm at Parks & Recreation Office, 295 Meridian Street

### Acceptable documents to obtain a Season Beach Pass:

Current car registration of the car that the pass will go on, ID (driver's license) must match name on that registration. If you are a city taxpayer or have just moved to the City of Groton but registration does not show a City address you can show a current tax bill, utility bill, lease or deed to prove residency.

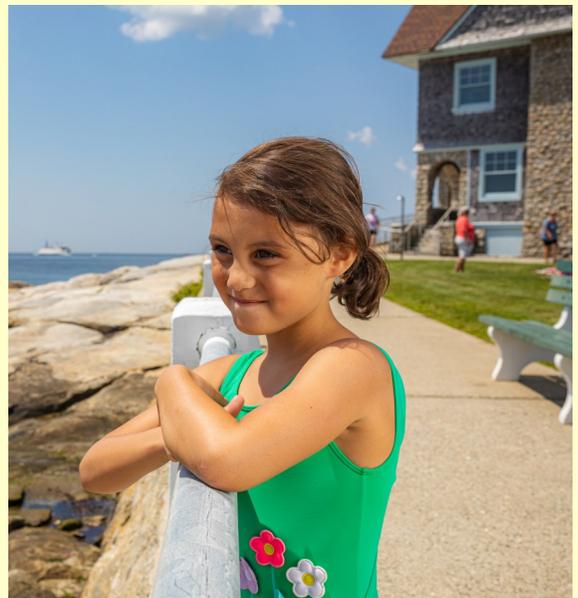
## **SEASON PASS RATES 2025**

(Vehicle registration is needed to purchase a pass)

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

\* 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      \$30.00      (For walk-in purposes only)**

Available to City Residents ONLY—4 adult walk-ins (use by non-resident renters, guests, family of city res)

# City Public Works Department—860-446-4127

## Spring Leaf Collection:

Wednesdays,  
April 16, 23 & 30 May 7, 14 & 21, 2025

Place "leaves only" in biodegradable paper bags, trash cans or cardboard boxes not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons.

**NOTE:** If you have leaves that need to be picked up after the official Leaf Collection is over, please call the Highway Office at 860-446-4127 and leave your name, address, phone number and about how many bags of leaves you have and we will pick them up on a Wednesday. One week notice is required.

Please do **not** sweep your leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems.

## City of Groton Pickup Schedule for Trash, Recycling and Bulky Waste

It is important that you have your items out for pick up by the following times (NO exceptions)

6:00 AM— Memorial Day to Labor Day (Summer Schedule)

7:00 AM—Rest of the year

### Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules for Holidays:

✦ If a holiday falls on a Monday-Thursday, scheduled pick ups will be the morning of the next day

✦ If a holiday falls on a Friday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Thursday morning



### The City of Groton Sanitation Dept. sells trash and recycling carts:

**95 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts—\$89.00 | 65 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts—\$79.00**  
**65 gallon Blue Otto Recycling Carts for \$79.00 each**

We will take only 4 cans or bags of yard clippings, brush or hedges with your trash.

**Call 860-446-4127 with any questions.**

Available to rent for your next family party

### Zbierski House

at Eastern Point Beach

with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound!

3 Beach Pond Rd, Groton

House holds 50 people. **Year round rental**

City of Groton residents \$30.00 per hour

Non-residents \$60.00 per hour

\$100.00 security deposit (refundable)

Tables and chairs for 50 are included. Limited kitchen on premise. Additional parking fees apply during open beach season. First floor, 2 restrooms and attached porch for use.

[cityofgroton.recdesk.com](http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com)

Call

860-446-4128



### GROTON ELKS every Thursday Night

Doors Open at 4:00pm

**BINGO starts 6:00 pm**

Purchase BINGO Sheets, Special Games, Quickies, \$1,000 Progressive \$3,000 Progressive, Daubers, Food and more.

700 Shennecossett Rd, Groton



City of Groton  
295 Meridian St  
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

The City of Groton  
Parks & Recreation Department is  
always looking to expand our  
program offerings. If you would like us  
to consider adding your class/program,  
please reach out to us!

*Submit a class proposal to the*

**City of Groton,**

**Director of Parks and Recreation**  
**295 Meridian Street, Groton, CT 06340**  
**or email us at [pr@cityofgroton.com](mailto:pr@cityofgroton.com)**

The proposal should include the type of  
program, detailed description, fee charged,  
age limits, class size, and space needed.

More information, the better!