

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CONCORD, NH**

**2025**

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

**JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Members,

On behalf of the City of Concord Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department, I am thrilled to share our 2025 Annual Year in Review Report with you. Our success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the City Council, City Administration, and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC).

This report highlights our initiatives, accomplishments, and the meaningful impact our department makes within the community. I take immense pride in the hard work and dedication of our staff, whose commitment has been instrumental in achieving these milestones.

Our parks and facilities are vital to enhancing the vibrancy of our city. They serve as essential spaces for community building, helping to combat social isolation among individuals of all ages and backgrounds. In our seasonal brochures, we offer hundreds of activities, programs, special events, trips, and sports leagues. Our youth sports program enrollment has again surpassed pre-pandemic levels from 2019, and the majority of our vacation week camps reached full capacity. We continue to witness significant growth in our adult and senior citizen programs as well.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated RPAC with representatives from each Ward in the city. Their contributions as volunteers have been vital to our achievements. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to another fantastic year in 2026!

David Gill  
Director

### **2025 Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC)**

Ward 1: Althea Barton  
Ward 2: Robert Kleiner  
Ward 3: Jim Figueira  
Ward 4: Sarah Beauregard  
Ward 5: Zoey Murphy  
Ward 6: Nick Kotkowski  
Ward 7: Brian Sartorelli  
Ward 8: Dhan Timsina  
Ward 9: Deodonne Bhattarai  
Ward 10: Mary Miller (Chair)  
City Councilor Michele Horne  
City Councilor Nathan Fennessy  
Concord School District: Barb Higgins  
Merrimack Valley School District: Kenny Edwards  
*(As of December 2025)*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Concord Parks and Recreation's vision is to create cutting edge and sustainable recreational resources to connect our community through education, programs and innovative partnerships to ensure an active city to live, work and play.



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Concord Parks and Recreation is committed to engaging our community with safe, fun, inclusive opportunities to enhance health and wellness by providing programming, parks and recreation facilities.

# 2025 AT A GLANCE

**7,926**

**OUTDOOR  
RESERVATION  
PERMITS ISSUED**

**5,616**

**INDOOR  
RESERVATION  
PERMITS ISSUED**

**5,783**

**ENROLLED  
PARTICIPANTS**



**11,785 FACEBOOK  
FOLLOWERS**



**4M FACEBOOK  
VIEWS IN 2025**



**1,765 INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS**

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**500 KIDS IN SWIM  
LESSONS  
36,496 POOL USES**



**5,500+ ADULT VISITS  
FOR INDOOR  
PICKLEBALL, FUTSAL &  
BASKETBALL**



**813 SENIOR  
PASSPORT  
MEMBERS**



**1,111 KIDS IN  
SUMMER CAMPS  
1,565 YOUTH IN  
SPORTS**



**1,110+ ADULTS IN  
ENRICHMENT &  
FITNESS CLASSES**



**29 FREE OUTDOOR  
& INDOOR  
CONCERTS/SHOWS**



**582 SENIOR  
CITIZEN  
MEALS**



**300+ ADULT  
VOLUNTEERS**

## FACILITIES



**131  
EMPLOYEES**



**13  
CEMETERIES**



**11  
PLAYGROUNDS**



**SIX POOLS  
& ONE  
SPLASH PAD**



**13  
BASKETBALL  
COURTS**



**SIX  
STANDALONE  
PICKLEBALL  
COURTS**



**35 PARKS &  
OPEN SPACES  
MAINTAINED**



**19 TENNIS COURTS  
(WITH 8 MULTI-USE  
PICKLEBALL  
COURTS)**



**FIVE  
COMMUNITY  
CENTERS**



**\$24K AWARDED  
FOR YOUTH  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

# CEMETERIES

As we reflect on the remarkable efforts of our Cemetery Division, we are filled with gratitude for their unwavering dedication to maintaining and caring for Concord's 13 cemeteries. The tireless commitment of our cemetery staff, working diligently even on weekends, has ensured that every burial event is handled with grace and respect. Division staff are also responsible for snow plowing of cemetery roads.

This year alone, the division has overseen 200 burials, honoring more than 4,800 Veterans laid to rest in our cemeteries. The collaborative efforts with community organizations and individuals have been instrumental in preparing for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Cemetery Division for their outstanding service and to all those who support them in honoring our departed loved ones.

Special thanks to the following groups who continue to work with cemetery staff:

- Daughters of American Revolution
- The Pierce Brigade
- NH Civil Air patrol
- Sunset Rotary Club
- Wreaths Across America
- NH Cemetery Association
- Concord Public Library



## CITY OF CONCORD CEMETERIES

Cemetery	Established	Est. Interments
Old North 	1750	3,201
Blossom Hill 	1859	25,125
Beth Jacob	1859	128
Concord Calvary	1859	9,524
Maple Grove 	1824	2,005
Pine Grove	1825	1,587
Old Fort 	1775	230
Soucook 	1848	463
Millville 	1798	664
Stickney Hill	1833	34
Horse Hill 	1811	221
Woodlawn 	1816	4,642
Penacook Calvary	1816	1,202

**TOTAL: 49,027**

 = Wreaths Across America participating cemetery

# CEMETERIES



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2025**



**ARBOR DAY 2025**

## STAFF UPDATES




**Happy Retinemet**

After 24 years of dedicated service with the City of Concord Jill Huckins is retiring! Jill started with the city at General Services in 2001 but for the last 19 years has served as the Cemetery Administrator. During her time as Cemetery Administrator Jill has single handedly transformed the division and accomplished so much! Congratulations Jill!



**CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR**

**MIKE ANDOSCA**

Concord Parks & Recreation is excited to congratulate Mike Andosca on his recent promotion to Cemetery Administrator. Mike has worked with the city of Concord for 24 years most recently as the Cemetery Crew Leader.

# PARKS

It is with great pride and appreciation that we acknowledge the vital role our city parks play in our community. As a "city of parks," we are privileged to have a rich heritage of green spaces that have been enjoyed by residents for generations. Our parks provide a haven of tranquility, a place for celebration, and a hub of vitality for all who call our city home.

These cherished spaces are not just a luxury but a fundamental right for everyone, regardless of background or circumstance. Our commitment to maintaining and enhancing our parks is unwavering, ensuring that they remain accessible, safe, and welcoming to all.

Let us remember the importance of our parks in bringing joy, connection, and solace to our lives. Together, let us continue to cherish and protect these precious spaces for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Parks Division is responsible for the maintenance of city parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, outdoor ice-skating areas, Merrimack River Greenway Trail and cross-country skiing at Beaver Meadow Golf Course, and many non-park areas around the city.



## Non-Traditional Parks/Green Spaces Maintained

- Deer Park
- Corriveau Park Green Space
- Bradley Park
- Pecker Park
- McKee Square
- Under the bridge/entrance to Healy Park

In addition, parks staff are responsible for the mowing and trimming of the following non-park areas:

- Concord Municipal Airport (outside of fence, entrance area)
- City wells
- City water towers
- Maintenance area of five rotaries: Exit 16, two on Checkerberry Lane, Manor Road, Franklin/N. State Street
- Green space at UNO's Pizzeria & Grill (Loudon Road)
- Supplemental mowing of Langley Parkway

# PARKS

PARK	YEAR ESTABLISHED	ACRES
Penacook Lake Park/Garrison	1881	6.5
White Park	1884	23
Rollins Park	1892	23
Contoocook River Park	1893	51
Bradley Park	1896	0.5
Ridge Avenue Park	1898	0.19
Fisk Park	1901	0.29
Deer Park	1903	2.3
Pecker Park	1905	0.15
Kimball Park	1910	6.25
Rolfe Park	1920	37.5
Merrill Park	1925	16.35
Memorial Field	1926	34.6
Keach Park	1933	10.78
McKee Square	1930	0.55
West Street Playlot	1931	0.59
Fletcher/Murphy Playlot	1937	0.48
Corriveau Square	1937	0.1
Reed Park	1946	2.8
Maccoy Street Park	1953	0.38
Thompson Playlot	1961	0.69
Healy Park	1964	48
Kiwanis Park	1965	17
Beaver Meadow Park	1973	9.64
Terrill Park	1980	17
Penacook Riverfront Park	1982	1
Russell Martin Park	1988	29
Merrimack River Greenway Trail-phase 2 (non-traditional park)	2024	5
Canal Street Riverfront Park	2025	2

**TOTAL ACRES 346.64**



# RECREATION

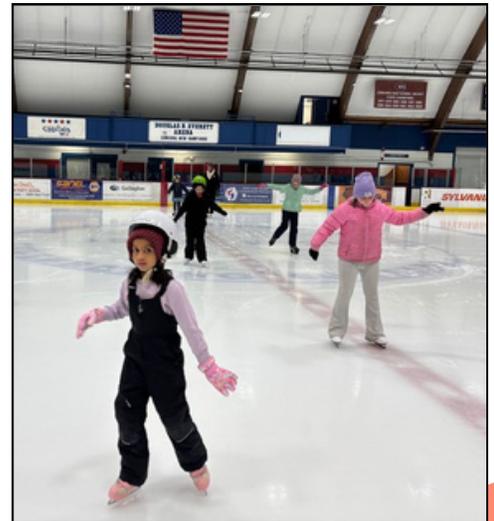
## CONCORD PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

We are excited to share with you the diverse range of programs offered by Concord Parks and Recreation throughout the year. From children to adults, we provide a variety of engaging activities for everyone.

At Concord Parks & Recreation, we strive to cater to all interests and ages. From youth team sports, arts & crafts, swimming lessons, to senior programs, there is something for everyone. Our indoor facilities at the City-Wide Community Center, Green Street Community Center, Penacook Community Room, Merrimack Lodge, our city parks and City Pools host these wonderful programs.

To learn more about our offerings, please check out our quarterly brochure which is published in October, January, March, and May. It offers a comprehensive view of the upcoming programs for the following months.

We look forward to welcoming you to our programs and making your experience with Concord Parks & Recreation truly exceptional.



# RECREATION

Indoor community centers that fall under the Parks and Recreation Department include: City Wide Community Center (opened in June 2018), Green Street Community Center Gym, the Merrimack Lodge at White Park (opened June 2019), West Street Ward House, the City Auditorium located next to City Hall and the Penacook Library and Activity Room (opened in 2024).

Special thanks to the public Properties' Division of General Services as they handle the maintenance and capital improvements needs of the West Street Ward House, Green Street Community Center Gym, City Audi and the Penacook Library and Activity Room.



# CITY AUDITORIUM (THE AUDI)

The Concord City Auditorium is a historic theater located on the western side of City Hall, built in 1904. With a seating capacity ranging from 835 to 841, the auditorium hosts various events from dance recitals to concerts. The orchestra area accommodates 524 to 535 guests, including wheelchair access. The balconies offer additional seating with 247 front balcony seats and 64 second balcony seats. ADA accessibility is ensured throughout the facility, including restrooms. The stage area is framed by a gilded proscenium arch, with a small orchestra pit. Backstage amenities include nine dressing rooms and three restrooms.

Managed in collaboration with the Friends of the Audi and the City of Concord, the venue offers diverse programs and services. The facility maintenance is overseen by the Public Properties Division, while rentals are managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Recent initiatives include house manager and technical training sessions to enhance operational efficiency.



**Community Players of Concord - SOMETHING ROTTEN! JR.**



**Baroque Orchestra "Acronym" Season Opener**

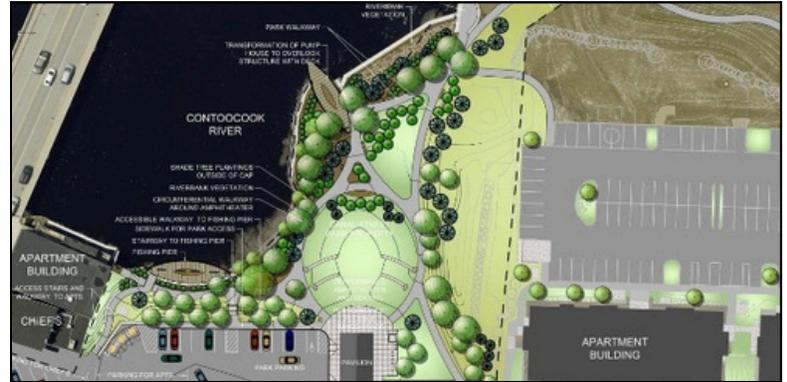


**Turning Pointe Center of Dance - The Nutcracker**

# COMPLETED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

## CANAL STREET RIVERFRONT PARK

The City's first new park since 1988 opened in 2025. This riverfront oasis marked the culmination of the city's efforts to revitalize the former Allied Tannery site. Over the past several decades the city working with the community transformed the area, adding a medical/office building and two affordable housing apartment buildings on the former Tannery site. The park, perched alongside the picturesque Contoocook River, boasts ADA accessible pathways, park benches, a striking pavilion/amphitheater for performances and new parking to serve downtown Penacook. The project, with a price tag of approximately \$2.5 million was funded from various sources, including the Penacook Village TIF, Impact Fees, the Parking Fund, and a generous \$500,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.



## ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT WHITE PARK



After a decade of planning and community input, the city's first all-inclusive playground was built at White Park and opened in the fall of 2025. The new playground replaced the much beloved wooden playground built in 1994. Our new playground features poured in place surfacing, a wheelchair accessible swing and merry go around, and much more. The cost of the project was \$860,000 paid with a combination of a \$400,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant, more than \$110,000 in private donations, and \$350,000 from the City of Concord.

# COMPLETED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

## WALLS & VAULT AT BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY



We completed the full rebuilds of two walls and restoration of the Vault at Blossom Hill Cemetery.

## ROLLINS PARK NEW ROADWAY



The old road inside the park was removed and new pavement and two ADA access gates was installed.

## KEACH PARK ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTS



The new athletic field lights on the youth soccer field were installed in late 2025.

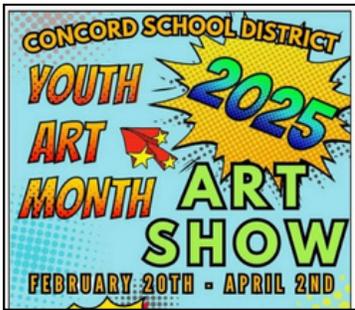
## IRRIGATION PROJECT AT THE CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



Underground irrigation was installed around the City-Wide Community Center and an outdoor water bubbler for park users.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOW AT THE CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



## 2025 WINGS & WHEELS AT CONCORD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



**History of Concord Parks and Recreation**  
Join us for a presentation on the History of Concord Parks and Recreation with David Gill from the City of Concord.

**Thursday, September 11 | 7pm**  
Kimball-Jenkins Carriage House  
266 North Main St., Concord, NH

Presented by  
The Concord Historical Society  
266 North Main St., Concord, NH  
[www.Concordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.Concordhistoricalsociety.org)

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 11, 3-6 PM**

*Local Artist*  
**Celebrate  
Concord**  
*Gallery & Exhibit*  
with Saad Hindal

Saad Hindal has lived and painted in Concord for 17 years. His artwork can be seen all over the city including a mural at the Bank of NH Theatre, the cover of the Chamber of Commerce map of Concord 2024-25, and this year's bookmarks at the Concord Public Library. Saad has painted hundreds of paintings of Concord and 7 of them will soon be on display in the gallery space at the Concord Parks & Recreation.

- 🍷 Come meet the artist
- 🎨 enjoy the gallery
- 🎟 Enter raffle to win a Saad Hindal original painting
- 🍷 Light Refreshments will be offered

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## POLLINATOR FESTIVAL AT ROLLINS PARK

**Pollinator Festival**

Join us for a fun, free, family-friendly celebration ...

- learn about native plants & pollinators from friendly experts
- collect ideas on how to support pollinators in your yard & community
- make pollinator & nature crafts, apply a pollinator tattoo, create a seed ball and more!

Rollins Park  
33 Bow Street, Concord, NH  
Saturday August 2, 2025  
10:00am -1:00pm

- Wear a pollinator costume, t-shirt, hat or jewelry
- Bring a picnic lunch
- This is a low waste event, please bring your own water bottles

To learn more about pollinator gardens in Concord



SCAN ME

Please check Concord Parks & Recreation Facebook for event updates  
[www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com)





## SCHOOL VACATION SPECIAL EVENTS



# GRANTS & DONATIONS

Through our collaborative efforts, we have successfully raised just over one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars (\$118,000+) in private donations and grants in 2025. This remarkable achievement has had a profound impact on our department and our city in numerous ways.



***The Eastman Clock Tower project was completed with a re-dedication celebration held in the fall of 2025***

Thanks to your generous contributions, we are able to continue offering low-cost and free events and programs to our residents, support capital projects, and drive forward department initiatives. Specifically, we raised additional funds for the new all-inclusive playground at White Park, purchased a HDK snow Fan for enhanced cross country skiing at Beaver Meadow Golf Course, restored the Eastman Clock Tower, provided scholarships to youth participating in our programs/camps, offered free summer concerts around the city, and much more.



***The Concord Garden Club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a generous donation to our Senior Program gardeners***

Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of our residents, ensuring access to enriching programs and facilities that foster growth and well-being.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the department in 2025!



**THANK YOU!**





**In Person Registration begins  
Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am**

CONCORD PARKS & RECREATION EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE CONCORD HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT HAS ONCE AGAIN SPONSORED FREE SWIM LESSONS FOR CONCORD & PENACOOK RESIDENTS!

# PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

***Please pass on to the staff that they did an excellent job cleaning up the pine needles and leaves on the Newton Ave. pine forest area. It looks the best it has in years!! -J&S M.***

 **Colleen Snow** · 1w  
 You guys did a phenomenal job at Rollins and White Park, thank you [Concord Parks and Rec Department!!!](#)  
 Reply Hide  1  

 **Ryan Manning** · 2w  
 Great work guys thank you 🙌  
 Reply Hide  1  

 **Clairemarie Grandmison** · 2w  
 Love watching out my kitchen windows seeing everyone enjoying this ty for all your hard work  
 Reply Hide  2  

 **Ramey Murphree** · 2w  
 Went yesterday. Had a great time! Thanks for all the hard work.  
 Reply Hide  1  

 **Hunter McKay** · 10w  
 This is the best I've seen tax money spent in a while. It's a beautiful place, lots of happy families, and a great opening weekend. I hope they add some trash cans and lights in the future. Everyone who was involved in making this happen should feel pride and fulfillment.  
 Reply Hide  2  

 **Kathy Upham** · 11w  
 It's really beautiful. Very colorful and activities for children with any number of challenges. Bravo Concord  
 Reply Hide  

***If you could let your crew know that we appreciate their efforts and hard work at Rolfe Park that would be great. -D.R.***

All comments ▾

 **Mr. Aaron** · 5w  
 That was a party!! Thanks so much for sponsoring, [Concord Parks and Rec Department!!](#)  
 Reply Hide  3  

 **Michele Horne, Concord City Councilor, Ward 2** · 5w  
 Thank you for providing the great programming you do for this community! We are blessed to have such a wonderful [Parks and Rec Department!](#)  
 Reply Hide  1  

 **Renee Sullivan** · 5w  
 So much fun!  
 Reply Hide  1  

 **Paula Stephen Russell** · 14w  
 Thank you for all your hard work  
 Reply Hide  

 **Barbara Stevens** · 14w  
 So wonderful to keep the history, the people's last place, thanks for the efforts.  
 Reply Hide  

 **Jessica Wilson** · 14w  
 Yay! This is such amazing work 💜💜💜 proud of you guys  
 Reply Hide  

 **Althea Barton** · 14w  
 Thank you Preservation Team!  
 Reply Hide  

 **Donna Ryan Trombley** · 14w  
 Kudos to the Old North Cemetery Preservation Team! 🙌

***Thank you for the beautiful luncheon you put on for us yesterday. The food from Wrap City was delicious and the desserts that Katie made were scrumptious. I am enjoying my very pretty rose, also. I can't begin to tell you how much you have improved the Senior Center since you have been here. It is so much more vibrant and fuller of different activities. A lot more people are participating in the activities and enjoying everything so much more. -M.L., Senior Program Participant to our Senior Coordinator Laura***