

Town of Waterbury



# REC REPORT

## Quarterly Recreation Update



### RECREATION OVERVIEW

The Waterbury Recreation Department builds community in Waterbury's parks, nature trails, pool, and recreation building. Our work is accomplished in partnership with other town departments, local organizations, and volunteers.

In 2023, the Recreation Department hired a new Recreation Director (Katarina Lisaius) and a new Program Coordinator (Katie Mandych). The now fully staffed department is looking to sustain our programs, and broaden the department with new experiences in our parks.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLASSES

In Fall 2023, the Recreation Department relaunched our Partner Program Events. We've offered yoga in the park, Canvas and Cocoa painting night, a Food Drive and Pumpkin Chucking Contest, and many more. In 2024, we have programs including Pizza and Movie nights, Gentle Yoga classes, and more (see offerings below). If you would like to register, please visit: [WaterburyVT.MyRec.Com](http://WaterburyVT.MyRec.Com) and click on "Programs".

We are also open to more collaborations. If you would like to instruct a class or partner with the Rec Department, reach out to our Recreation Director at [klisaius@waterburyvt.com](mailto:klisaius@waterburyvt.com).

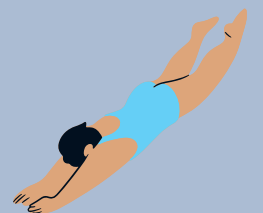
**Come to Waterbury for the Total Solar Eclipse!**  
 On April 8, 2024 Waterbury Vermont will be in the path of a once in a lifetime solar eclipse. The town is preparing for an influx of visitors and promoting Waterbury as a desirable eclipse location to watch from. If you would like to participate in planning please reach out to the Recreation Director.



Photo of the winners of the first annual Pumpkin Chucking Contest

### WINTER SWIMMING LESSONS

Winter Swim Lessons have just started through a new partnership with Bolton Valley Resort. Waterbury Recreation is offering three levels of swimming lessons in two 4-week mini series. Pool Director Heather Lessor is leading the lessons with returning pool staff. The second 4-week series will be open for enrollment in February. The Town of Waterbury is a proud provider of Starfish Swimming Lessons, a nationally certified swim instruction curriculum.



### Calendar of Classes and Events

<b>Morning Gentle Yoga</b> Fridays at 9:30am	<b>Evening Gentle Yoga</b> Tuesdays at 6:30pm	<b>Movie and Pizza Night</b> February 9 at 6:15pm	<b>Winter Swim Lessons</b> Sunday Mornings	<b>And more!</b>
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# AFTERSCHOOL



Waterbury Recreation runs a license exempt afterschool program for children in grades K through 6th. Students engage in a variety of fun, enriching, and engaging activities such as sports, group games, and exploring in town. Kids in the program are outdoors as weather permits.

Fall 2023 we learned new games, performed science experiments, visited Little River State Park nature trails, met Charlotte a local therapy dog, and learned from Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Daily activities range from field games, sports, outdoor art projects, to indoor cooking, music and dancing, and more.

For Winter and Spring 2024, the program continues to offer fun daily activities, and partner with more organizations and people for educational and informative visits. Our goal is to have a safe and fun program for local kiddos.

2024 signups are open and available at [WaterburyVT.MyRec.Com](http://WaterburyVT.MyRec.Com) under "Camps"

## SUMMER CAMP 2024

We are looking forward to Summer Camp 2024! This summer we will be offering themed camps as options for our 8-week camp. Themes are: Creative Kids, Young Innovators, Nature Exploration, Adventure, and Action & Energy Camp. By having themes we will be able to partner creatively with local organizations, have unique and smaller field trips, and individualized camp activities. Moreover, it will also help the Department have appropriate staff-to-camper ratios, allowing our Recreation Team to care for your kiddos.

Camp is 8 weeks long, and operates from 8am until 5pm. Campers enjoy our local parks, our sports fields, and our public pool. New for 2024, all campers will participate in swim lessons. This is an added benefit to camp and helps build important skills, especially as campers live so close to many natural swimming holes.

Camp costs:

8-WEEK RESIDENT	\$1,000
8-WEEK NON-RESIDENT	\$1,250
1-WEEK RESIDENT	\$250
1-WEEK NON-RESIDENT	\$300

Sign ups for camp will begin the week of March 4. There are designated sign-up days for the full 8 weeks of camp for residents and non-residents and for weekly sign ups. The Recreation Department is responding to the challenges with sign-ups the last few years and has updated the sign-up method.

**March 6 at 9am - Registration open to Residents for 8-week slots**

**March 8 at 9am - Registration open to Non-Residents for 8-week slots**

**March 12 at 9am - Registration open to All for All slots**

The Recreation Department recommends signing into your MyRec account by March 4 to ensure you can log in and that you do not have any past due balances on your account. If you have trouble with your account, contact the Recreation Department by March 4.

**Waterbury Recreation is recruiting Summer Camp Staff. Learn more and apply at <https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/finance>**



## REC DEPARTMENT STAFF



Katarina Lisaius joined the Department in July. Her vision is to engage community, provide fun and safe programs, and introduce more people to the world of recreation.

**Katarina Lisaius, Recreation Director**

Katie Mandych was hired in November to lead the Afterschool Program and Summer Camp. Katie has personal and professional experience in education and wilderness camps.



**Katie Mandych, Program Coordinator**

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