

Town of Chester Recreation Department has 1 full time employee and 8 seasonal lifeguards.

The Recreation Department provides the following services for our residents:

- Maintains and manages the town owned Pinnacle Recreation area, now 4 season recreation, which includes:
 - Swimming Pool and Pool Bathhouse
 - Tennis Courts
 - Playground
 - Pavilion
 - Basketball Court
 - Skateboard Park
 - Ice Skating Rink – put up, take down, maintain the ice rink including shoveling and adding layers of water throughout the winter
 - Sledding hill
 - Pickle Ball Courts
 - Frisbee Golf Trail (works with volunteer group – purchased new baskets 2026)
 - 2 little league Baseball Fields
 - Soon to be added – Walking Path
 - Mowing of the Pinnacle area
- Maintains and manages the town owned Cobleigh Field used primarily for Soccer and softball, to include mowing.
- Manages and maintains pool in summer months. This includes bringing in outside organizations for rental of the pool, managing lifeguards, daily cleaning and maintenance of the pool, monitoring chlorine twice per day. The pool averages 50-60 people per day in addition to use by local summer camps from other towns. The pool also offers 3 sessions of swim lessons throughout the summer that has typically 10 kids per session.
- Organize all youth sports for Chester, to include baseball/softball, soccer, basketball, flag football, sports for squirts. All of Chester youth sports are managed by the Chester Recreation Department not the School system.
- Youth summer camps which include soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, and sports for squirts
- Adult programs to include yoga, Zumba, indoor pickleball at GM, Yoga in summer at Pavillion
- Work with Black River Teen Center on developing teen activities
- Organize and run the Winter Carnival each year in February
- Partner in organizing and running National Night Out
- Assists the town Facility Director with many projects on various town properties to include minor construction and painting

For information purposes, these are future needs for Recreation which have been discussed over the past several years during board retreats and budget discussions:

- Walking path installation at the Pinnacle (2026/2027 & grant funded)
- Remainder of split rail fencing by disc golf course and baseball field (2027)
- Improve parking area at little league fields (done in house)
- Nature playground at Cobleigh (2026/2027) Woodchips are down.

- Pathway from Cobleigh to the Green (2026 & grant funded)
- Replacement of connections to skimmers and jets at the pool (2027)
- Continue improving lighting for the sledding hill and pavilion for evening events
- Better signage/kiosk for Disc Golf and walking path
- Improvements to/or replacement of the Pool House – will be needed in next 3-5 years.
Work was completed this year to enlarge bathroom stalls
- Installation of benches and exercise stations along walking path (potentially future grant)
- Lighting of the baseball fields to host evening games and tournaments (grant funding)
- Leveling Cobleigh Field and re-seeding
- Continued rehabbing of the skate park over time since the park still has some wooden structures (grants)

The Supervisory Union is hiring a new part-time athletic director. We will be working with them on future use of the buildings to ensure continuance of existing youth and adult programming as well as the potential of bringing new programming. There is a real need for more activities for the 13-15 age group.

The recreation department has grown significantly over the past 15 years and has assumed many new responsibilities, such as mowing of the fields. Caretaking has increased because we have improved our existing facilities.

Account		2026	
Recreation Revenue;		Budget	
01-07-51 Recreation			
01-07-51-00.09	Andover	4,500.00	
01-07-51-00.14	Fundraising		
01-07-51-00.23	Pool Income	3,000.00	regional organizations that bring kids from their camps are charged \$100.00 per day; non Chester or Andover residents are charged \$5 daily or \$100 for a season pass
01-07-51-00.28	Food Sales	250.00	Concession stand
01-07-51-00.29	Pavillion Rental	300.00	
01-07-51-00.33	Other Income		
01-07-51-00.36	League Fees	1,000.00	League fees for Spring and Summer baseball programs
01-07-51-00 Recreation Total		9,050.00	
01-07-51-10 Seasonal Sports & Camps			
01-07-51-10.03	Start Smart Camp		
01-07-51-10.11	Sports for Squirts	-	
01-07-51-10.12	Baseball	3,000.00	80 kids in 2026
01-07-51-10.13	Black Fly Camp	4,500.00	35 kids in 2025
01-07-51-10.16	Fall Soccer	2,750.00	70 kids in 2025
01-07-51-10.18	Soccer Camps	1,250.00	25 kids in 2025
01-07-51-10.19	GM Sports Camp	-	
01-07-51-10.20	Basketball	1,500.00	70 kids in 2025/2026
01-07-51-10.22	Boys & Girls Basketball Can	-	
01-07-51-10.25	Gymnastics/Dance	-	
01-07-51-10.27	Volleyball	-	
01-07-51-10.31	Track & Field	50.00	
01-07-51-10.43	Tennis Camp	-	
01-07-51-10.52	Wrestling	500.00	4 kids in 2025/2026 - this program is ending
	Flag Football	120.00	12 kids
01-07-51-10.54	Wall Climbing	-	
01-07-51-10 Sports & Camps Total		13,670.00	
01-07-51 Recreation Total		22,720.00	
Recreation Expenses;			
01-13-41 Health & Welfare			
01-13-41-10.00	Health Officer Salary	-	
01-13-41-11.00	Social Security	-	
01-13-41-22.00	Training	-	
01-13-41-55.00	Animal Care		
01-13-41-56.00	Legal	1,000.00	
01-13-41 Health & Welfare Totals		1,000.00	
01-14-51 Recreation			
01-14-51-10.00	Rec. Payroll	76,720.00	1 Full Time recreation director - Matt has been here 15 years
01-14-51-10.01	Lifeguard Payroll	19,000.00	8 lifeguards. Pool is open from mid-June through end August each year. There are 10 kids in the first session of swim lessons
01-14-51-11.00	Social Security	7,657.60	
01-14-51-13.00	Worker's Comp		
01-14-51-14.00	Medical Insurance	25,508.00	
01-14-51-15.00	STD, LTD, Life insurance	633.00	
01-14-51-16.00	Retirement	5,670.00	

01-14-51-19.00	Misc Employee Expense	-	
01-14-51-21.03	Sports for Squirts	-	
01-14-51-21.04	League Fee Expense	1,000.00	This pays for refs and league fees
01-14-51-21.05	Fall Flag Football	100.00	
01-14-51-21.06	GM Sports Camp	-	
01-14-51-21.08	Golf	-	
01-14-51-21.09	Dance Camp	-	
01-14-51-21.12	Black Fly Camp	3,500.00	
01-14-51-21.13	Baseball & Softball	2,400.00	
01-14-51-21.16	Fall Soccer	2,200.00	
01-14-51-21.18	Soccer Camps	1,000.00	
01-14-51-21.20	Basketball	1,250.00	
01-14-51-21.23	Wall Climbing Camp	-	
01-14-51-21.24	Winter Carnival	-	moved to events
01-14-51-21.27	Volleyball	-	
01-14-51-21.28	Wrestling	150.00	
01-14-51-66.00	Equipment	-	
01-14-51-21.26	Dance/Ballet		
01-14-51 Recreation Total		146,788.60	
01-14-58 Recreation Facilities			
01-14-58-21.01	Supplies	3,500.00	
01-14-58-21.02	Food Supplies	150.00	Food for concession stand
01-14-58-22.00	Lifeguard Exp	500.00	bathing suits
01-14-58-23.00	Equipment Purchase	-	
01-14-58-29.00	Computer	-	
01-14-58-30.00	Utilities	4,500.00	Electric is included in this
01-14-58-31.00	Water/Sewer	2,500.00	
01-14-58-34.00	Telephone	1,500.00	
01-14-58-60.00	Pool Maintenance	5,000.00	this includes the chlorine ; Pool averages 50-60 daily throughout the summer. Other towns also use our pool for their summer camps and pay a fee for the useage.
01-14-58-66.00	Pool Improvement	3,500.00	The bathrooms were enlarged; we are adding more picnic tables & umbrellas
01-14-58-68.01	Vehicle Expense	4,000.00	Matt uses his own vehicle. We pay a mileage stipend vs. per mile
01-14-58-69.00	Facility Repair	8,000.00	This included some of the fencing with the rest for 2027
01-14-58-69.01	Skating Rink Maintenance	500.00	this is the plastic liner that is replaced most every year. Skating rink is used daily and averages 15-20 individuals over the weekend days
01-14-58-69.02	Disc Golf	3,500.00	In 2026, the baskets were replaced. The local club fundraised \$3,500 and the town matched
01-14-58-69.03	Tennis Court	-	
01-14-58-70.00	Batting Cage	-	
01-14-58-76.00	Capital Expenses		
01-14-58 Recreation Facilities Total		37,150.00	
Total Recreation Expenses:		184,938.60	
Total Recreation and H&W budget		162,218.60	