



LEDYARD PARKS RECREATION, AND SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT

Annual Report
FY 2025



Staff this year

Scott Johnson Jr., Director

Matt Cicchese, Asst. Director

Ginny Hungerford, Office Assistant

Courtney Sizer, Office Assistant II

James Metcalf, Site Nutritionist

Nate Cunningham, Park Care Taker

Russell Smith, Van Driver

Chris Dunn, Van Driver

Amy Incera, Van Driver

Shawn Stiles, Van Driver

Wanda Wisnewski, Van Driver

Donations

Between the Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center, we have received over \$5,500! This has helped us provide more for the community, and run more programs/events. We have also received many walkers, puzzles, craft supplies, and books as well! In addition to this, various groups take donations and returns here as well. We will do Prescription Drug Take Backs on advertised days, and also have a bottle collection center from the ARC!



Program Registrations

Our Senior Programs had a total of 114 registrations for classes and 36 registrations for trips. Notably, Summer camp has taken a large amount of registrations. We had a total of 1,116 registrations this summer. In total we had 2361 registrations



Facebook Summaries

Facebook has revolutionized how we connect with our community. It allows us to communicate in a more efficient and dynamic manner, providing timely reminders even when we're not in the office. Additionally, the ability to access and post updates from home ensures that we remain engaged and responsive to our community's needs at all times.

Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

- Content Interactions: There were 3.4k interactions with our content, reflecting strong engagement.
- Followers: Our follower count increased to 3.3k, showing a growing community interest.

Senior Center Facebook Page

- Content Interactions: There were 976 interactions with our content, indicating a strong level of engagement.
- Followers: We have 918 followers, reflecting a committed community.

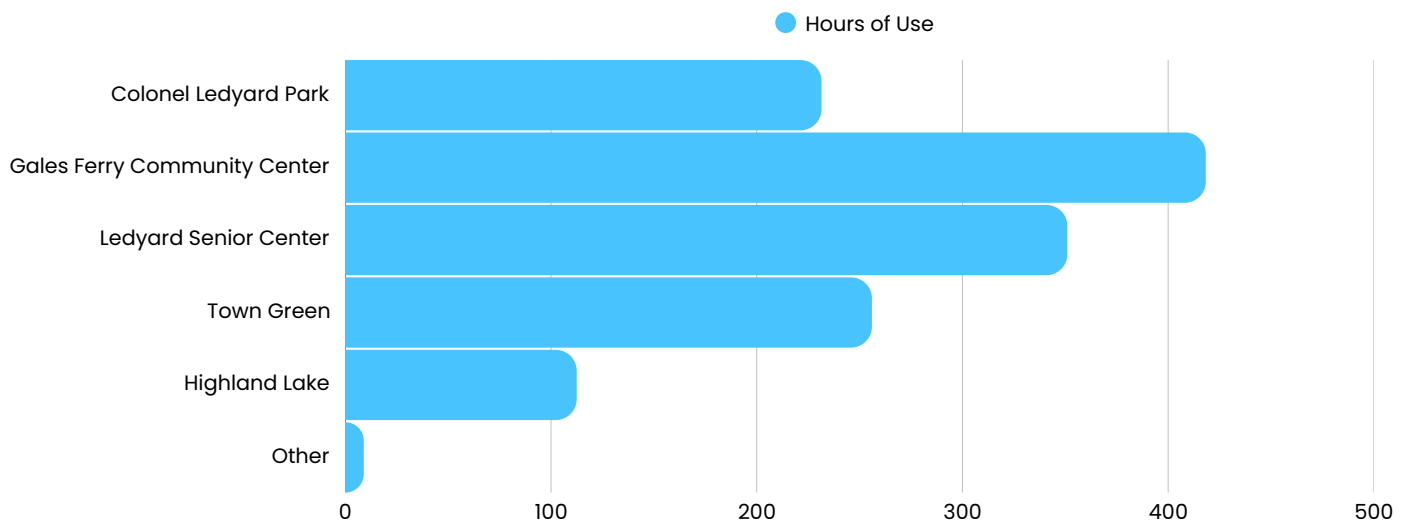


Public Facility Use

Our town's facilities were actively utilized by the community throughout the year. Below, you'll find detailed summaries of facility reservations and usage hours, highlighting the engagement and importance of these spaces in supporting local activities and events. This data does not include all programs we run.

Key Highlights

- Gales Ferry Community Center was the most utilized facility with 79 reservations, totaling 418 hours and 30 minutes.
- Ledyard Senior Center had the second-highest number of reservations with 77, amounting to 351 hours.
- Colonel Ledyard Park saw significant use with 38 reservations and 231 hours and 30 minutes.
- Smaller parks like Sawmill Park and Erickson Park had fewer reservations but still played a role in community activities.



Overall, the data reflects impressive community engagement with our town's facilities. The high reservation and usage rates at key locations like the Gales Ferry Community Center and Ledyard Senior Center showcase their value as central hubs for community activities. Even smaller parks and facilities contributed to the community's vibrancy, offering spaces for various events and gatherings throughout the year.

Events



Spring Egg Hunt



Shining Stars



Trunk or Treat



Halloween Party



Autumn Nights



**2nd Annual Colonel Melee
Tournament**

We had many successful events this year! Over 700 kids showed up to our Trunk or Treat and around 400 showed up to the Egg Hunt. We held our second ever Fencing Tournament and raised over double what we did last year for the program! As well as this, we hosted our first Tennis Tournament which fundraised over \$1000 to the Nic Pelligrino Scholarship Fund! We also hosted Shining Stars for the 5th Graders to talk to our seniors and play games, we held various lunch parties (Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, ect.) and we even took part in the Memorial Day Parade!

Services

We offer many different services at our facility. Here is a look at them.

HAIR SALON

We have a Hair Salon located in our Facility. This gives seniors, and the public a more affordable hair care option.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our Ledyard Nurse will take your blood pressure the second Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon. Karen will counsel seniors on their meds, healthy eating habits and exercise.

MUNICIPAL AGENT

To disseminate information to elderly persons and assisting such persons in learning about community resources which are available to the public.

SENIOR CENTER CAFÉ

Join us for delicious and affordable (\$3 – \$5) breakfast and lunch menu items, Monday through Friday, here at the Senior Center. Breakfast served from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm and lunch at 12:00 pm.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY LUNCH

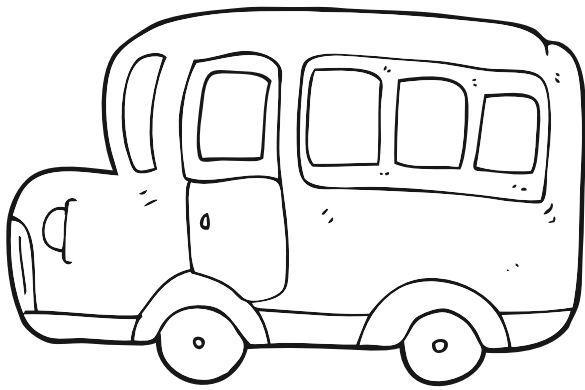
We offer a weekly Wednesday lunch, including dessert, for \$10.00. We offer Curbside Pickup and Dine in options. This year we served 1139 lunches. This service is available to the general public, though it is most advertised to our seniors.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

This year we had 1,342 people filling plates at our Breakfast Buffet that is every Tuesday morning for \$7! We serve eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and home fries. This is open to the general public.

TVCCA MEALS ON WHEELS

Our Meals on Wheels program provides meals to our homebound seniors, as well as low income seniors. We have many who utilize this program.



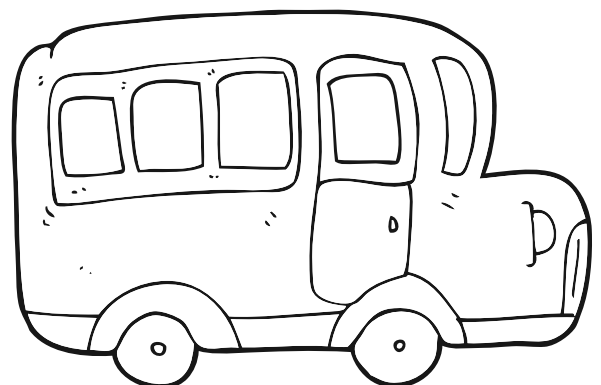
Transportation Services

The Ledyard Senior Center offers daily transportation to the Center for activities including lunch, along with rides to medical appointments and other necessities according to the schedule below. All individuals using our transportation complete an annual transportation form so we can stay updated with all medical conditions, as well as the utilization of our services. A wheelchair lift is available on 2 of the vehicles. We recently got a new mini-van to use for transportation as well. We service Ledyard, Gales Ferry, New London, Groton, Mystic, Waterford, Norwich and other towns in New London County.

SENIOR VAN SCHEDULE

MONDAY: Senior Center, Doctor Appointments
TUESDAY: Senior Center, Doctor Appointments
WEDNESDAY: Senior Center
THURSDAY: Senior Center, Doctor Appointments
FRIDAY: Senior Center, Stop & Shop or Walmart

We take donations for our transportation services. We suggest \$1-2 per ride. From these donations, we raised \$524





Improvements!

- Judge Crandall Roof Replaced
- Plans finished for Lantern Hill Valley Park and permits secured
- Irrigation heads replaced and raised on both Depta and Judge Crandall fields
- Major renovation of the Pfizer senior baseball field
- Repairs made to the Judge Crandall ramp
- We are thrilled to announce that we received the ARPA Grant and have transformed our building! With new tables, chairs, fresh paint, updated carpets, new flooring, a new divider, and even a gym, our space looks fantastic!