



Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Special Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00 PM

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Upcoming Events and Activities

Attachments: [Upcoming Events and Activities](#)

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS

1. November Directors Report

Attachments: [Nov 2025 Director's Report](#)

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the July 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July Meeting Minutes Final](#)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

2. MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizens Department Joint Logo

Attachments: [Logo BW](#)

[Logo Color](#)

[Blue and White Background Instagram Post](#)

[Finalized Logo Options](#)

3. Any Old Business Proper to come before the Commission

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve 2024-2025 Annual Report

Attachments: [Annual Report](#)

2. Discussion and possible Motion to waive credit card fees for the Nik Pellegrino Memorial Cup Tennis Tournament
3. Discussion and Possible Motion to allow tipping of up to 22% on take out orders coming out of the Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Special Revenue Accounts
4. Discussion and Possible Motion to allow the Ledyard Food Pantry to install security cameras
5. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects
6. Any New Business Proper to come before the Commission

X. ADJOURNMENT



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Through 2025

**NOV
14** **HOMETOWN HEROS**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**NOV
19** **THANKSGIVING LUNCH**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**DEC
6** **LIGHT PARADE**
5:00 PM

**DEC
17** **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM





WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON

Quilters Club
Fencing
Yoga and Meditation
Womens Basketball

TUES

Breakfast Buffet
Silver Sneakers
Yoga with Bronwyn



WED

Yoga
Panera Donations
Wednesday Lunch
Chair Yoga
Tae Kwon Do
Tai Chi

THURS

Yoga Barre
Lunch Special
Joggin your Noggin
Silver Sneakers
Rowing
Longsword

FRI

Yoga
Craftoholics
Tai Chi



NOTES

Various card games
are played daily!
More instructors will
be added soon!



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LEDYARD PARKS, RECREATION, AND SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT

Scott Johnson Jr
Director

12 Van Tassell Drive Gales Ferry CT 06335
(860) 464-9112

Matt Cicchese
Assistant Director



PARKS RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION Director's Report November 2025

Please note this update for your review.

1. **Commission Meeting:**

The special meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, at 7:00 PM, in the Ledyard Senior Center. Please contact the office immediately if you will not be able to attend.

2. **Judge Crandall Doors:**

The lower garage doors at Judge Crandall have been replaced.

3. **Judge Crandall Field Lights:**

We had a light fall off the pole in a wind storm and the light has been replaced with a new LED fixture. When reappalceing the fixture it was noticed the bolts securing the fictures were lose. Since we already had the lift on site we took full advantage and tightend all the bolts, realigned the lights, and replaced any bulbs that were out.

4. **Senior Center ARPA:**

Public Works has finished laying the gym flooring and we have assembled the workout equipment. Working on developing policies, procedures and release forms so we can allow the public to start using it.

5. **GFCC Tennis/ Basketball Courts:**

The GFCC tennis and basketball court work is complete. Not all of the fence footings needed to be replaced and to prevent any loss of grant funds the company agreed to install 2 new basketball standards in place of the fence footings. The courts came out great and we have received a lot of positive feedback from residents.

6. **Blonders Bathroom:**

We have had recurring issues with 2 of the toilets in the bathroom at Blonders. Both have toilets have been replaced and it might be smart to think about replacing the other toilets in the future.



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Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

12 Van Tassel Drive
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Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:00 PM

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico
Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon
Commissioner Paula Crocker

Excused Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Lauren Hawes
Commissioner Loretta Kent
Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center
William Barnes, Town Council Liaison
Raegan Averly, Scout

Chairperson DiRico seated Stephanie Bacon as a regular member

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. MOTION to appoint LTR Bacon
2. MOTION to appoint LTR Crocker

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Schneider inquired about the availability of painting classes, noting that many seniors have begun attending the Groton Senior Center since Ledyard is not currently offering them. Mr. Johnson responded that he has been in contact with other groups, trying to get a new painting

instructor.

Ms. Crocker shared that several seniors have expressed discomfort in communicating directly with staff. She suggested that they be encouraged to submit questions or concerns through the suggestion box.

A question was raised regarding whether the senior center van was decorated and participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Johnson confirmed that the idea had been discussed, but due to a lack of available drivers, the van did not participate this year. He stated they plan to participate next year.

A follow-up question was asked about who authorized a single person to represent the Senior Center in the parade. Mr. Johnson stated he was unaware of such representation. Ms. Crocker provided a photo showing a car in the parade with a "Ledyard Senior Center" sign. Mr. Johnson said he would follow up with the individual involved.

It was asked whether the van would provide transportation to the Farmers Market. Mr. Johnson replied that rides are being planned, but they will not be offered weekly. Specific dates will be announced soon.

Concerns were raised about seniors being required to leave before scheduled activities were completed. Mr. Johnson explained that this was previously due to a shortage of drivers, but now that additional drivers have been hired, van service will be extended until 2:30 p.m.

Street Light Request (January 2024): Mr. Johnson reported that he had no update at the time but would follow up.

Ms. Crocker provided a timeline for the community garden proposal originally submitted in October 2022 and approved with allocated funds. Despite regular follow-ups, no action was taken until October 2023, when Public Works removed the existing garden. It was later announced in June 2025 that the Boy Scouts would complete the garden as an Eagle Scout project. Ms. Crocker expressed frustration with the multi-year delay and compared the situation to the exercise room renovation, which has similarly stalled.

Ms. Crocker recommended that if the scouts are unable to complete the project promptly, the town consider reaching out to the Eastern CT Community Garden Association (getgrowingct.org)

Ms. Crocker questioned whether a similar delay would occur if the project were for Parks & Recreation. Mr. Johnson responded that such projects would not face the same delays because they are typically contracted out.

Ms. Crocker requested that all Facebook posts be proofread before publication, citing a recent post that incorrectly listed the date of the Juneteenth closure as Wednesday, June 19, instead of Thursday. Ms. Schneider added that posts should include specific dates and times instead of relative terms like "tomorrow."

Ms. Crocker noted a significant drop in activity and class participation since the center's reopening after renovations. Feedback from seniors indicated disappointment, as they believed only new flooring had been installed, with no painting or visible improvements made to the large common rooms. The exercise room has yet to be addressed, and it was recently stated that work on it would not begin until winter. Ms. Crocker had hoped the exercise room would increase attendance at the center.

Mr. Johnson emphasized that he spends approximately 90% of his time addressing senior-related matters.

VI. REPORTS

1. July 2025 Directors Report

All 3 contracts have been signed. We are happy to report that the new mowing company is doing a fantastic job so far. We have noticed that they focus on the little things such as picking up trash and moving equipment/goals to ensure the properties look the best they can.

Repairs to the basketball and tennis courts are coming along in Gales Ferry. We experienced delays due to rain and extreme heat but have been fortunate to have a few nice days this week.

A replacement net climber and climbing wall rocks have been ordered to make necessary repairs to the Gales Ferry Community Center playscape.

Playground woodchips have been ordered and are scheduled to start being delivered this week. We will purchase rubber matting with excess mulch money.

All info has been submitted and the ECTC Grant is officially in place for this fiscal year. The dial-a-ride, voucher program, and caregiver reimbursement will all continue without any funding cuts.

Beach sand has been delivered and is ready to spread at Highlands Lake.

We have received 3 quotes and are working with overhead door to schedule the replacement of the lower garage doors at Judge Crandall.

Mr. Barnes asked if the pond had been stocked. Mr. Johnson responded that DEEP never got back to him.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Stephanie Bacon

AYE 4 DiRico Schneider Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 4 Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo

2. Upcoming Events and Schedule

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the May 2025 regular meeting minutes

It was requested that the minutes of previous meetings and the agenda be posted onto the Town of Ledyard website to give members ample time to review before the meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Stephanie Bacon

AYE 4 DiRico Schneider Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 4 Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo

2. MOTION to approve the June 2025 special meeting minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Stephanie Bacon

AYE 4 DiRico Schneider Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 4 Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

Youth sports oversight was discussed as as per last meeting determined to be the clubs/league responsibility to have coaches adhere to rules and regulations. Clubs/leagues should participate in safe sports and have everyone sign a code of ethics. There will be a meeting for youth sports next spring.

2. MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizens Department Joint Logo

The new LOGO was discussed and we chose the Oak Tree with bench and swing with the rounded lettering. It will be finalized and will be available next meeting for final approval

3. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve Eagle Scout Project to repair and paint the Soccer wall at Clarks/Purdy Field

A presentation was given by Raegan Averly to repair and paint a mural on the soccer kickwall at Clarks/Purdy Field. The project will be started on August 2nd and completed August 16th.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Stephanie Bacon

AYE 4 DiRico Schneider Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 4 Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo

2. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

Mr. DiRico suggested that we have a section on the Agenda for Senior questions/concerns/info

Mr. DiRico suggested we show a budget with any losses.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Crocker moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded
by Ms. Schneider

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman DiRico

Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Citizens Commission



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GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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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.

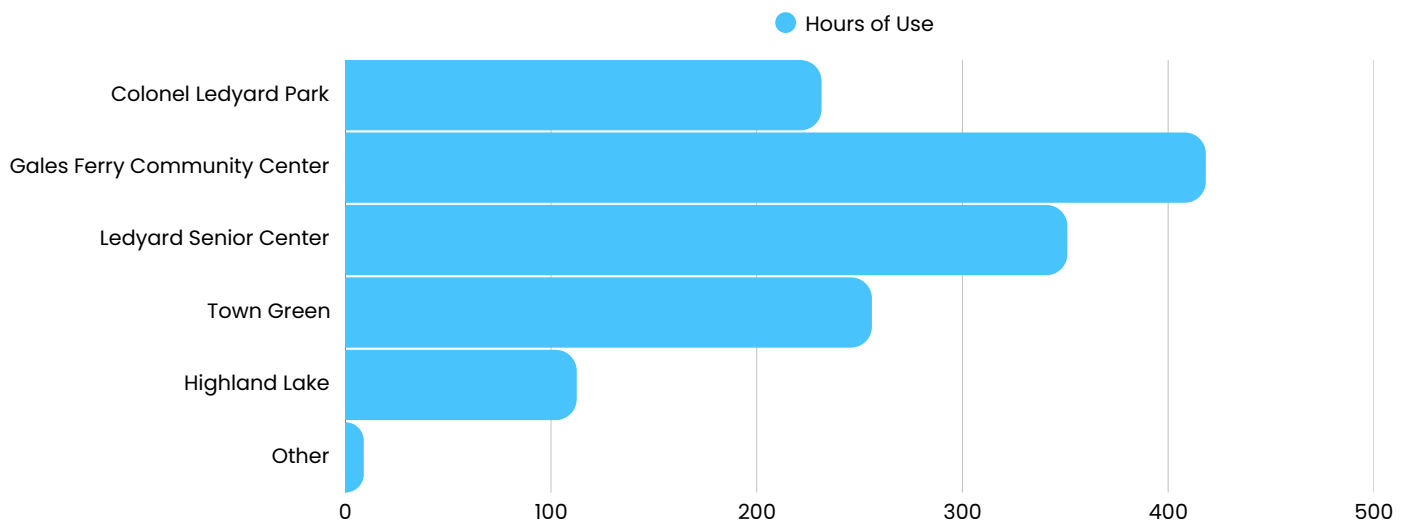


Public Facility Use

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

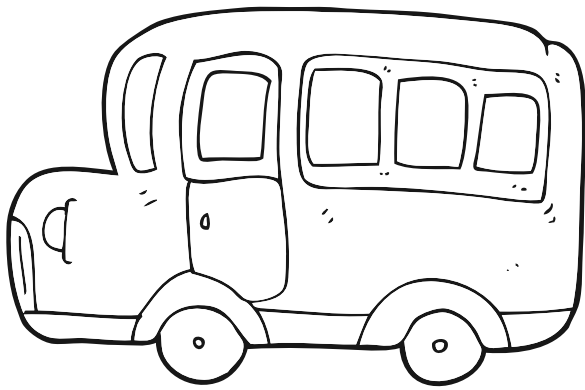
We offer a weekly Wednesday lunch, including dessert, for \$10.00. We offer Curbside Pickup and Dine in options. This year we served 1139 lunches. This service is available to the general public, though it is most advertised to our seniors.

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.



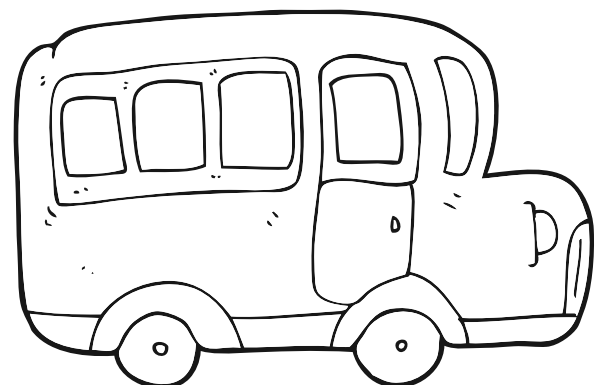
Transportation Services

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!



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