

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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SUBMITTED TO: Jill Goldsmith, Town Manager

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Municipal Academy

The Community Services Department is pleased to announce that the Town of Chatham has completed their first 9-session Municipal Academy.

The Municipal Academy was created to strengthen civic engagement by helping residents gain a deeper understanding of Town operations, build connections with staff, and discover ways to get involved in their community.

Over the course of nine weeks, participants explored the inner workings of Town government—meeting with every department to learn how local services are delivered, policies are shaped, and daily operations are managed.

Participant evaluations were completed at the end of each session to ensure continuous improvement and were met with highly positive reviews from the inaugural cohort. Planning for the next session in the fall of 2026 has already begun!

Center for Active Living (CFAL) Renovation Project

The CFAL Renovation Project Team, consisting of Terry Whalen, Chief Projects Manager; Leah LaCross, Director of Community Services; Rick Pomroy, Pomroy Associates, and Kurt Raber, Catalyst Architecture, began working with the CFAL Building Working Group (BWG), newly appointed by Town Manager Goldsmith. The BWG is made up of the following individuals: Stuart Smith, Select Board Member; Stephen Daniel, Finance Committee Chair; Rob Stello, Stello Construction; Pat Burke, Council on Aging Board of Directors Chair, and Robyn Zibrat, Friends of the Council on Aging Chair.

Town Manager Goldsmith stated that this new working group is a launching point and that the CFAL BWG was established to improve communication between end users, staff, and the design team, and to provide input on cost-saving measures, program requirements, and project priorities. The group is responsible for making recommendations to the Town Manager and ensuring the project meets community needs.

New Statistical Reporting Added

This month, the Department Assistant at the Center for Active Living (CFAL) has begun tracking key activity metrics such as phone calls, check-ins, and other daily interactions. These new reports will give us a clearer picture of our overall workload and help spot trends or areas where we can improve efficiency. Going forward, this data will be a useful tool for planning and supporting the team's ongoing work.

Behavioral Health Clinician / Clinical Services:

In the month of **October**, I worked 21 days.

Of the **21** days, I had **104 interactions** with **28 Chatham residents**, for a total of **28 hours and 9.75 hours of professional development** .

Of the 77 interactions:

25 were **Behavioral Health Clinician** contacts, which included in-person contact between a CFAL client and myself. It could be at CFAL, Chatham Police Department (CPD), or at their home.

23 were **phone outreach calls**, which include calls I made to check in on residents, calls with family members, calls with collateral providers, and calls with medical providers.

18 were **client consultations** , which means I spoke with other providers within and outside of our town agencies, on behalf of the client.

3 were **CPD Referrals** , which included calls that police officers responded to, where the officer feels it necessary for the behavioral health clinician to assess the identified client for possible mental health/substance abuse services or referrals.

1 was a **CPD phone outreach calls** , which occurs when a request has been made that I "check in" on a community member who accessed CPD.

2 were **CPD co response calls** , which involves co-responding with an officer to a emergency call involving behavioral health concerns

1 was a **home visit** , which are made for those unable to make their way to CFAL or CPD due to physical restraints or transportation issues, with permission of supervisor.

1 was a **CFAL office visit** , which occurred when the resident either had a scheduled appointment with me or agreed to come to CFAL to discuss how I could assist them.

4 were **CFAL incoming client calls** , which include the number of calls I received from Chatham residents asking for assistance.

2 were **telephone contacts**, which occur when a Chatham resident calls in looking to meet with the clinician to discuss ideas that fall in the realm of behavioral health.

8 were **CFAL referrals** , which occurs when someone from CFAL requests that I contact a CFAL member

4 were **CPD follow up contacts** , which means that I either followed up in person or on the phone to a client that the police department felt needed contact with the clinician

1 was an **incoming CFAL client call** , which means a CFAL member calls the office, requesting services from the clinician.

2 were **community referrals** , which happen when an individual in our community calls in to request behavioral health follow up for a resident.

3 were **CPD referral follow ups** , which entails a phone call or home visit to an individual who had previously engaged with CPD.

2 were **incoming CPD clinician calls** , that occurs when an officer requests my services for a member of the CFAL.

2 were **CFAL walk-ins** , which refers to when a resident walks into the CFAL building to request my services.

1 was a **Chatham Housing Authority Referral** , which occurs when staff from CHA request my services with one of their residents.

1 was an **email contact** , which involves receiving and/or responding to a behavioral health request.

Community Connections:

This month, I spent **9.75** hours participating in a variety of community meetings; including a tour of the new Bay Cove facility, several online trainings, and a meeting with state co-responder clinicians.

The monthly Community Crisis Intervention Team (**CCIT**) **meetings** in Orleans and Dennis continue to serve as a valuable opportunity to connect with colleagues from neighboring towns to work together to support one another, and to assist the police departments with overlapping citizens that encounter the police and the clinicians.

I attended my first **Community of Practice Meeting** , which included the co-response clinicians from around the state of Massachusetts. This was a collaborative, supportive, and informative meeting where I was able to hear how other clinicians operate in their town and to problem-solve and receive support from each other.

I also attended the monthly **Children's Behavioral Health Group** , which this month was at the newly renovated Bay Cove Health Center in Hyannis. This organization serves as a major referral source for our residents, and recently moved to a new building, adding more programming for the Cape Cod communities. They will soon have an 8-person unit for inpatient psychiatry, which will fill a major need on Cape Cod.

Last, I attended two online courses that focused on "**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**" and another online **Zoom course** that focused on supporting multi-cultural families and mental health. Both are becoming increasingly relevant in today's world and are very much in need of behavioral health services.

October Reflections

The month of October brought me some new referrals and new clients that were desperate to get help for their loved ones. Interestingly, unlike past months, most of those looking for help were **parents** seeking help for their **children** or **spouses**.

Our country is in a state of flux, and it has been reflective in the calls I responded to this past month. Financial uncertainty, food uncertainty, housing uncertainty, and lack of medical and mental health care are compounding one's ability to cope with their behavioral health, and people are struggling.

Children are moving back home with their aging parents, grandparents are raising their grandchildren, residents are at risk of losing their benefits, spouses are becoming the primary caretakers for their aging spouses, and families are having to make big decisions about living arrangements for their elder family members. Each of these scenarios create increased stress, depression, anxiety, substance use, and panic.

Now more than ever, each of us in the community who serve in a helping capacity must continue to make ourselves available to our Chatham residents to offer support and resources, as we all navigate these uncertain times.

I am always so grateful that those I work closest with at the Chatham Police Department and Center for Active Living are so welcoming and compassionate to those who need it the most.

COA DIVISION:

Department Assistant (NEW):

This monthly report summarizes the number of phone calls received by the Chatham Council on Aging (CFAL) Department Assistant and the types of assistance sought by our older adult Participants during October 2025.

During this period, the CFAL received approximately **770 incoming phone calls**. Please note that this total does not directly correspond to the breakdown of call topics, as participants often contact the Council for multiple types of assistance within a single call.

Also worth noting, the total number of categorized calls shown below is slightly less than the total number of calls received. This difference reflects calls that were general in nature, administrative, or not tied to a specific service area. Additionally, some calls may not have been categorized if participants did not require further assistance at that time.

The analyzed data categorizes inquiries into the following service areas:

- **Transportation:** 176
- **CFAL Programs:** 170
- **SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone):** 197
- **Outreach Resources:** 95

- **Adult Supportive Day Program:** 7
- **Adult Behavioral Clinician Resources:** 4
- **Socialization & Recreation:** 55
- **CFAL Renovation & Building Project:** 1
- **Administrative / Miscellaneous:** 17

The CFAL experienced a high volume of calls this month, reflecting the strong level of engagement and ongoing need for support among our older adult participants. While this is the first month such data has been formally recorded, establishing this tracking process will allow us to better understand trends over time and share the impact of our work with the broader community.

With **Medicare Open Enrollment** taking place between **October 15th and December 5th**, we have seen a significant increase in calls related to Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (**SHINE**) services. This was the most common area of inquiry for the month, as participants sought guidance and assistance in navigating their Medicare options. Many of these calls even came from neighboring towns in addition to our Chatham residents, reflecting the strong reputation and expertise of our SHINE Counselors.

Additionally, based on the data, **Transportation** and **CFAL Programs** represent the greatest areas of need and interest. Many participants reached out to arrange rides to medical appointments and other essential destinations, while others contacted us to register for programs and activities. These numbers highlight how much our participants value CFAL's safe, reliable transportation services and the meaningful opportunities for connection and engagement offered through our programs.

Looking ahead, we aim to continue collecting and analyzing this data each month. Over time, these reports will help identify patterns, highlight growing needs, and demonstrate the meaningful impact the CFAL provides to our Older Adult community.

Outreach:

In the month of October, Outreach had 225 interactions for 137 individuals!

We had 1 referral from Chatham Fire Department (CFD) and 1 referral from another Town agency leading to 2 separate interactions.

Outreach had 1 safety check request, and there were 10 continued follow-up consultations on 9 individuals from previous months. We had an increase in members seeking support in maintaining their homes or repair costs.

Outreach had 86 phone interactions, serving 52 individuals. We had 65 in-person office consultations at CFAL for 56 members. In October we had 2 concerned neighbors come in looking to find resources for friends. We had 22 members looking for support for family members. Outreach referred 10 individuals to 4 different community partners for support this month.

Healthy Meals in Motion served 37 families this month. With one new member this month.

This month 13 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) items were lent to 11 individuals. The inventory has been low on wheelchairs, our biggest requests. We did have 3 new donations of various DME items.

In the month of October, we started Fuel Assistance applications. Each year members apply to receive assistance paying their heating costs. We have had 14 Fuel assistance-related interactions so far. The applications have been submitted and are now undergoing processing. Unfortunately, letters of acceptance cannot be sent out until the current Federal shutdown ends. In the meantime, the utility companies have anticipated this delay and already started the moratorium on the heating shut off.

In the last 2 weeks of the month of October we were made aware that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits would not be sent out for November. We reached out to our at-risk members to make sure they were aware and offered support. We reached out to our community partners at Homeless Prevention Council and the Family Pantry of Cape Cod in Harwich to offer assistance.

Transportation:

October is a beautiful time on Cape Cod, the air turns brisk, the leaves begin to change, and the pace around town starts to slow. In contrast, activity within the Chatham Center for Active Living (CFAL) Transportation Program has continued to grow, with increasing demand and engagement throughout the month.

Orleans Supportive Day Program

- 3 participants
- 18 round trips

Ryders Cove Respite Program

- 2 participants
- 18 round trips
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Medical Appointments

- 47 round trips
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Grocery Access

- 8 pantry deliveries
- 36 resident trips to Stop & Shop (Thursdays)
- 12 deliveries from The Chatham Village Market
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Pharmacy Support

- 13 prescription deliveries

Council on Aging (COA) Program Participation

A total of 27 participants received transportation to a variety of COA programs, including:

- Bingo
- Book Club
- Busy Fingers (Knitting Group)
- Chair Yoga
- My Chart Info Session
- Outreach Lunch and Learn
- Outreach Services
- Reiki
- SHINE - Open Enrollment
- Sound Meditation
- Tricks, Treats, & Trivia

Additional Transportation Services Provided

We were able to accommodate more personal transportation requests, which included:

- Banking Trips
- Golden Oldies
- Chatham Village Market
- Exercise Classes
- Hair Salon
- Library
- Post Office trips
- Other personal errands

While we strive to accommodate these requests whenever possible, medical appointments remain our top priority. In the event of a scheduling conflict, personal trips may be rescheduled to ensure timely access to essential medical care.

Transportation Report - October 2025

In October, our Transportation program provided 23 more round-trip rides than in September. (For reference, September had seen an increase of 30 rides compared to August.) Of the October increased rides, 16 were for medical appointments, with an average of 17 rides per day throughout the month.

We also provided transportation for 12 participants for Chatham Better Together group to tour the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Chatham, following lunch at the CFAL.

Our Stop & Shop weekly trip continues to grow in popularity, now averaging 7 participants per week, and we completed 5 more prescription deliveries than in the previous month.

The Orleans Day Program experienced a change as one Chatham participant relocated out of the area and no longer utilizes our transportation services. We now transport 3 participants on Tuesdays and Thursdays for this program.

At present, we have three drivers working nearly every day. While driver coverage has been strong, we find that all three vehicles are frequently in use simultaneously, highlighting the consistent demand for service.

Programming:

This monthly report outlines the activities and achievements of the Chatham Council on Aging Program Coordinator for the month of October in the year 2025.

October at the CFAL was packed with opportunities to help further develop one's community, mind, and overall health. This month marked the beginning of the **Medicare Open Enrollment** Season, the return of Wellness Warriors, and the first of two **My Chart Info Sessions** with the VNA.

We have been greeting many new faces in the past weeks with the presence of our volunteer SHINE counselors and their eight (8) or so daily clients. It has been an opportunity to share what we offer with new members of the public, and some have registered or inquired about programming or volunteering because of their SHINE appointment.

Historically held in February/March, **Wellness Warriors** draws between 30-45 participants per session over the course of 8 weeks. To try something different this time around, Gail Tilton, Volunteer Facilitator, in collaboration with Staff decided to break up the typically 8-week program into two (2) 4-week sessions in October/November and April/May. The theme for the 8th annual program is "Journey with Community" focusing on healthy living and expression, digital literacy, and wellness tools to support us through the doldrums of winter.

Programming at the CFAL continues to be well attended despite confusion among some participants and community members. When participants have asked questions or requested updates regarding the renovation and expansion project (when overseeing programming, or just generally connecting) I have reiterated that our operations and programming will remain at 193 Stony Hill Rd and when there is an update, we are committed to sharing this via all available communication methods. Our participants continue to express gratitude, and joy that we are available to them, and with their questions, have been gracious, supportive, and kind during this time of uncertainty.

October ended with a fun filled **Halloween , Tricks, Treats, and Trivia** were a smashing success, and lucky Team Two walked away in victory. Thank You to the Friends of Chatham COA for generously providing the funding for the prizes handed out at the event.

Ryder's Cove Respite Program:

I am pleased to share the latest updates from **Ryder's Cove Adult Supportive Day Program**. With growing interest from three new applicants, we continue to experience steady expansion and strong community engagement.

One of our summer respite participants has returned to New Jersey for the winter season after joining us in late June. During her time with us, she brought warmth, joy, and positivity to the group. We look forward to welcoming her back over the holidays.

New Participant Transition

This month, we welcomed a new participant in her late 70s who speaks Spanish and has moderate dementia. She joined us for her first trial day on October 23rd. Using a translation app, we were able to communicate effectively, and we're confident that as we spend more time together, we'll continue to better understand and support her needs.

Originally from Costa Rica, she emigrated to the U.S. later in life. Despite the challenges of relocation, she has brought with her a warm spirit, a deep love of family, and an uplifting outlook. She completed high school in Costa Rica, raised three children, and is now a proud grandmother of five. Widowed, she expresses kindness through thoughtful gestures and companionship.

A passionate cook and former accomplished chef, she enjoys preparing meals, creating art, and tending to plants. Her love of botany brings her peace and joy, whether she's nurturing greenery or visiting local nurseries. Though she speaks only Spanish, her gentle and nurturing nature shines through in every interaction.

This participant's greatest strengths include creativity, culinary talent, and an appreciation for art and nature—qualities that help maintain a strong sense of identity and provide comfort. While adjusting to life in a new country and managing a recent dementia diagnosis present some challenges, initial observations suggest she will be a wonderful addition to the Ryder's Cove community.

Communication Books

Our communication books remain a key component of family engagement. Along with updates, the inclusion of mood summaries and participant quotes offers families meaningful insight into each participant's daily experience.

Health & Fitness

Physical engagement remains a cornerstone of our program. Participants have begun independently initiating additional exercise repetitions and confidently selecting slightly heavier weights—an encouraging sign of growing strength and motivation.

We continue to offer daily gentle chair yoga and seated Tai Chi, both of which have been met with enthusiasm. These practices promote improved mobility, mindfulness, and overall well-being.

Popular activities this month included **Bingo, pumpkin carving, canvas art, nostalgic memory games,** and **memory-matching card games** . Our seated basketball sessions continue to inspire laughter, friendly competition, and daily engagement while supporting healthy movement and hand-eye coordination.

A letter was recently sent home inviting families to contribute to our upcoming **“Memory Lane”** project by sharing old photographs that evoke joy and reminiscence. Suggested photo themes include:

- Family vacations
- Weddings (their own or others')
- Childhood or youth memories
- Time with siblings or friends
- Family milestones and grandchildren

Our goal is to encourage storytelling, recognition, and joyful reflection in ways that feel natural and comforting.

Therapeutic Programming

- **Music Therapy:**
The continued use of percussion instruments has enhanced group participation. Rhythmic drumming and spontaneous jam sessions have brought visible joy and energy to the room. One participant has even begun bringing his own percussion instrument to play alongside our visiting musicians—an addition that brings smiles to all.
- **Pet Therapy:**
Our certified therapy dog, **Brewster** , continues his monthly visits, while **Fiona** has traveled south for the winter. Though we'll miss her weekly visits, we look forward to her return next spring. Both dogs provide comfort, emotional connection, and spark lively conversation among participants.

Social & Emotional Well-Being

The addition of new members has fostered deeper social bonds and more vibrant peer interactions. Our community continues to flourish as we uphold our commitment to connection, inclusion, and a genuine sense of belonging.

Staffing & Professional Development

This month, we're preparing to say farewell to a Respite Day Program team member, whose last day will be November 20th. As we support this transition, our focus remains on growth—through continued education and our commitment to providing person-centered, informed care.

Attendance & Participation

Attendance remained strong throughout October, with a **participation rate of 100%**. This consistent engagement reflects the value, comfort, and sense of community participants find in our program.

Note: One participant was formally discharged **October 2, 2025** after not attending for two months.

Facility Update: Temporary Relocation

The planned temporary relocation of the Adult Supportive Day Program—originally scheduled for the week of October 6, 2025—has been postponed. We are awaiting revised timelines at this time. Families and guardians were notified well in advance and will continue to receive timely updates as new information becomes available.

Looking Ahead

As we move deeper into autumn, we look forward to continuing seasonal activities that inspire joy and spark meaningful memories. October's highlights included a festive **Halloween celebration** complete with costumes, party games, and creative crafts—all enjoyed by participants and staff alike.

Our concentration remains steadfast: to provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment that fosters connection, creativity, and well-being for every participant.

Council on Aging Board of Directors :

The Council on Aging Board of Directors met on Monday, October 20th. Chair Pat Burke announced that a new CFAL Building Working Group (BWG) would begin the following week in which she will be a part of. Melanie Braverman, Co-Founder of the Alzheimer Family Support Center in Hyannis, was a guest speaker.

The Human Services Committee:

The Human Services Committee met on Monday, October 20th and reviewed the remaining requests from local non-profit organizations that serve Chatham residents.

The Committee will vote on all of their recommendations at their next meeting on November 3rd

RECREATION AND BEACHES DIVISION

The Recreation & Beaches Division is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all Chatham Residents, by striving to provide the best recreational programming and park facilities possible.

PARK Program

The PARK Afterschool Program is for students in grades 3-7 to have a safe, fun, and engaging afterschool experience. It is also the intent of the program to foster a sense of community and to forge new and lasting friendships among the students attending the program.

PARK Special Events October:

October 14th- Sauchuk Farm trip- 51 students

October 16th- Ten Pin and Cape Cod Mall- 52 students

October 23rd -PARK Eyeball scavenger hunt- 37 students

October 22nd - PARK Halloween Party- 42 students

October 29th- PARK Candy Hunt- 36 students

October 30th - Halloween Parade Community Event- 34 students

	September	October	November	December
MONTHLY ATTENDANCE	846	829		
MONEY COLLECTED	\$10,580	\$10,375		
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	40	38		

Programming

Adults:

Fall Tuesday Night Pickleball- 64 participants

Fall Thursday Night Pickleball-66 participants

Fall Saturday Night Pickleball- 35 Participants

Chatham Pickleball Members- 386 Members

Fall Pickleball Lessons- 12 Participants

Fall Adult Basketball- 21 participants

Yoga with Jackie! (Hatha Mondays)- 8 participants

Yoga with Jackie! (Restorative Thursdays)- 10 participants

B.E.A.R CPR Certification Class- 12 participants

Youth

October Family Karate-8 participants

October Family Tai Chi- 4 Participants

Fall Youth Tennis- 8 participants

Grades 1-2 Youth Soccer- 12 participants

Grades 3&4 Boys- Combined with Harwich Rec for 1 Team

Grades 3&4 Girls- Combined with Harwich Rec for 1 Team

Kindergarten Soccer- 22 participants

Pre-School Soccer-10 Participants

Special Events

On Friday October 17th, the division hosted Halloween BINGO. 57 participants attended the event that included 5 games of BINO, Prizes, candy, and popcorn.

On Saturday October 25th, the division held our 3rd Annual Halloween Egg Hunt. 70+ community children attended the event. Over 3,000 eggs were stuffed with candy and toys for the participants for their egg hunt along with 3 golden eggs for grand prizes. Inside the community center gymnasium were Halloween games, crafts, and inflatables for the children to enjoy.

Employee Development/Enrichment/Other

On October 1st, the entire Parks & Recreation division was re-certified in CPR/AED & First aid for Adult, Child, and Infants.

On October 2nd, Chatham hosted the Cape & Islands Regional Beach Managers meeting. 11 towns including the national seashore attended the meeting. Discussion topics included a recap of each town's summer seasons including staffing issues/concerns, patron issues, beach policies, and beach management issues. Sue

Frederick (Recreation Coordinator) collects data from all cape towns and creates a spread sheet for all attendees to look at staff rates and beach rates.

Community Center Use

Aerobics Room - 66 Reservations

Lite Fitness with Susan Hunter, Full Body Circuit with Rachel, CFAL - Strong at Heart, CFAL Yoga, Restorative Yoga, CFAL Balance Class, Friday Night Family Karate, Friday Night Family Tai Chi, Heisig Belly Dance class, Hatha Yoga, Chatham Tai Chi

Arts & Crafts Room - 2 Reservations

Crafty Chicks

Club Room - 18 Reservations

Men's Club weekly discussion group, Women's Club Board meeting, Women's Club knitting group, Behavioral Health Innovators Board meeting, Mary Byrne/What Now?, Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club of Chatham Book Club, Friends of Chatham Waterways, Chatham/Harwich Fiber Arts, Chatham Democratic Committee, Working Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Conference Room - 15 Reservations

Friends of Chatham Council on Aging, Chatham Bikeways Committee, Chatham Ecumenical Council for the Homeless, Friends of Monomoy, Chatham Independence Day Parade Committee, Friends of Trees, Chatham Cemetery Committee, Chatham Bikeways Committee, Art Journaling Group, Chatham Orpheum Board meeting, Public Ceremonies Committee.

Gymnasium - 44 Reservations

Beginner pickleball lessons, Advanced Pickleball lessons, Fall Pick-Up basketball, CFAL Indoor walking group, Thursday Night Pickleball, Pre-School Soccer, Saturday Night Pickleball, Tuesday Night Pickleball, Halloween Community Egg Hunt.

Large Meeting Room - 24 Reservations

CPR/BLS Class, Cape & Islands Beach Managers Annual Meeting, First Night Chatham Committee, Chatham Men's Club weekly meeting, Riverbay Association Annual meeting, Women's Club Holiday Party, Girl Scouts Annual Recruiting Event, USCG Auxiliary, Fall Family Bingo, Broad Reach Hospice, Chatham Garden Club, CFAL Wellness Warriors, PARK Halloween Party, Town Hall with Stuart Smith, Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary meeting, Monomoy Regional School District Teacher Workshop, PARK Candy Hunt.

Serving Room - 21 Reservations

Community Mahjong, Men’s Club of Chatham, Mahjong Private Group, Chatham Republican Committee, Chatham Merchants Association, Women’s Club of Chatham, Bolus card games, Chatham Garden Club, Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary

Fitness Room Access Scans

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
July	CLOSED	197	209	205	224	117	156	1,108
August	CLOSED	175	132	152	149	175	153	936
September	37	139	136	138	123	116	75	764
October	45	82	132	153	141	142	72	767

Active Fitness Room Memberships: Family Members- 524 Individual Members- 197

Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was held on Monday October 20th.

The meeting started with discussion with Scott Carpenter about the condition of the middle school tennis courts. It was determined that the school would contact local companies to give a quote for the repairs of the courts. The results of the quotes will be brought to a later meeting.

Angela Bucar provided an update to the commission on the town’s Beatification committee’s Kate Gould Park project. Phase 1 of the project was presented and the Parks & Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend the project to be approved and move forward.

A bench donation at Chase Park was discussed. The commission would like to put a hold on all bench donations until the division brings forward an official bench policy for future requests and a site visit at Chase Park takes place to determine appropriate locations for benches.

New beach sign designs and quotes were presented to the Commission per their request. The Commission voted to approve the beach design and recommended the division move forward with the project to seek funding through CPC or capital requests.

The Commission has asked town staff to investigate options for a dog park in the town. The commission has requested viable locations be brought to a future meeting.

The Commission was presented with a new Open Recreation Membership at the Community Center draft. The membership will allow staff at the community center to better manage the increase in children in the community using the Community Center during these hours. The commission voted unanimously to move forward with the new membership.

Golf Advisory Committee

There was no Golf Advisory Committee held in October.

Respectfully submitted,

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