



# We're Turning 50!

Join us for a year of fun as we celebrate 50 years of Parks and Recreation in Burlington. As we celebrate the past and look forward to a bright future we would like to introduce our new logo to you. The new logo represents the best of Burlington Parks and Recreation, with active parks and people.



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The Burlington Parks and Recreation Department will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2017. We have pieced together a brief history of Parks and Recreation in Burlington. We will be celebrating throughout 2017 with programs, activities and special events highlighting parks and recreation throughout the years.

In 1964 the parks and fields were managed by Park Commissioners, who also assigned recreation staff to undertake programs at the town's parks and fields. The Commissioners are still active in 1965 but their report to the town is from the Park and Recreation Department. The report included an extensive section on departmental programs and activities.

By 1966, the town undertakes action to set up a formal Recreation Department and the Selectmen engaged the Park Commissioners in discussions about absorbing park responsibilities. This year the town report contains a report from the Park and Recreation Department, submitted and signed by the three Park Commissioners.

In 1967 the town formally establishes its Department of Public Works, with park responsibilities folded into this new entity. The Recreation Department stands on its own and is run by a 5 person Recreation Commission. The first minutes of the Recreation Commission are in March of 1967

The department operated with a Director of Recreation and a Director of Recreation Maintenance until the Recreation Commission approved a reorganization of the department and hired the first Director of Parks and Recreation in 2009. The reorganization implemented a Director of Parks and Recreation to lead the entire department and Parks Superintendent and Program Coordinator to oversee each division. The department is still overseen by an elected Recreation Commission.



Throughout the year we will be holding special events in honor of our first 50 years. Further information will be released through our seasonal program brochures during the year.

**January - Open House**

**February - Winter Carnival**

**March - Family Game Show Day**

**April - Youth & Human Service Day**

**May - Golf Tournament**

**June - Mountain Bike Race**

**July - Music Festival**

**August - Ice Palace Day**

**September - Big Day of Play**

**October - Trucktober**

**November - 5K Turkey Trot**

**December - Themed Gala**