

Update about New London Rec. Dept. Feedback Survey and Request for Municipal Parking Lot on Pleasant St. and Main St. Closure/Use for Halloween Event Sunday 10/29

New London Recreation Dept. Feedback Survey:

Survey has been developed and is being circulated and is live on the Rec. Dept. website. Link to the survey below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/41rrDQmxwf>

My plan is to continue to circulate this survey online and in a hard copy form throughout the community. The survey can be edited and updated as necessary to collect the most useful feedback and information possible. My thought was to do a short version to start with to encourage participation and still get valuable input.

The survey will be available at upcoming Rec. events (Halloween event) and will be sent to all previous participants in recent Rec. programs or events.

I plan to hold an in-person Rec. Dept. informational meeting in Whipple in early Nov. to show the slideshow, give people the opportunity to fill out the survey and ask questions or give feedback in person, and also find out how to volunteer with the Rec. Dept. I would also like to explore the option of doing a Zoom meeting as well.

I had hoped to have more information to share at this stage, but I do not, I take full ownership of the fact that this was not prioritized as it should have been at this time. I look forward to coming back as soon I have more results from our survey to share with the Selectmen.

Municipal Parking Lot (Main St. and Pleasant St.) Closure/Use Request for Halloween Event Sunday 10/29:

The Rec. Dept. is requesting the use of the municipal parking lot on Main St. and Pleasant St. as a part of the Halloween Event on Sunday, 10/29. The section of Main Street (Seamans Road to Williams Road/Barn Playhouse) will be closed from 4-6 PM, but the parking lot would be closed from late Saturday night until 6 PM Sunday. The lot will be used by Rec. Dept. to put on Halloween-related activities and games and also be the location of a costumed Dance event. These events were both on Main Street last year and it was decided that utilizing the lot would assist with freeing up space for people to walk on Main Street and support access by emergency vehicles if necessary. The event has become quite popular (3,000+ people last year), and this decision will support event safety.

Rec. Director has reached out to the NLPD, NLFD, and DPW to review this plan. Rec. Director will also follow up with any local businesses that might be impacted by this closure. There will be a sign placed in the lot several days before to notify people of the planned closure.

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