

Parks & Recreation

The Town of New Hartford Parks & Recreation Department is looking forward to another busy and exciting season in our parks. As the weather warms up, our fields, courts, trails, and playgrounds come alive with activity from residents of all ages.

During spring, summer, and fall, our athletic fields serve as home to many of the programs that keep our youth active. Sherrillbrook and other Town facilities host New Hartford softball and Little League baseball, while our soccer fields welcome New Hartford AYSO players each season. Our football fields also serve as practice facilities for NH Pop Warner, helping support the many local organizations that make youth sports such an important part of our community.

Sherrillbrook Park

Sherrillbrook Park continues to be one of the Town’s most popular destinations, offering picnic pavilions, open green space, walking trails, and recreational amenities for the whole family.



PICKLEBALL COMPLEX

The park is also home to our pickleball complex, which features six courts open for play from dawn to dusk.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Families will also find exciting improvements throughout our park system. We’ve recently added one of the largest playgrounds in the area at Sherrillbrook Park. **Watch for announcements on its opening!**

MOUNTAIN BIKE POLICY

Mountain bike riders are restricted to the Trail A section of the park’s hiking and ski trail system and any paved roadways within the park. Violators are subject to a fine and removal from the park.



Rayhill Walking Trail

PARTIAL CLOSURE



The Rayhill Walking Trail extends from the New Hartford Town Garage to Best Buy, and from Stewart’s on Middle Settlement Road to the intersection of Route 840 and Clark Mills Road. **Please note: the section between Main Street in New York Mills and New Hartford Street is closed until further notice for repairs. Signs are posted at the entrances. For your safety, please do not use this section of the trail.**

THE TOWN IS COMMITTED to maintaining and enhancing our parks so they continue to be welcoming, active and enjoyable spaces for the community.

We encourage residents to take advantage of everything our parks have to offer this season.

Washington Mills Athletic Park

Additional upgrades are also underway at Washington Mills Athletic Park, where we are hoping to have the newly renovated softball field and playground ready before Memorial Day.

BATTING CAGES

Looking ahead, Summer 2026 will also bring new batting cages to Washington Mills and a basketball court at Sherrillbrook Park as we continue investing in amenities that serve residents of all ages and interests.

Pavilion Rentals

The Town has picnic facilities at Sherrillbrook Park and Donovan Park in Chadwicks. Several pavilions are available to rent and include tables and grills. Restrooms are also available.



Large pavilions:
• \$80 for residents
• \$200 for non-residents
Small pavilions:
• \$40 for residents
• \$100 for non-residents

Security deposits are required. Reservations cannot be made by phone or in person. You must upload a copy of a driver’s license as proof of residency.



Pavilion Reservations:

Scan the code or visit:
www.parksrec.evogov.basgov.com/newhartford

TOWN PARKS

Sherrillbrook Town Park

4191 NY State Route 12,
New Hartford

Donovan Town Park

9400 Elm Street,
Washington Mills

Washington Mills Athletic Park

695 Oneida Street,
Washington Mills

PARK HOURS

Open 7 days a week,
May 1–September 30
8 AM –8:30 PM

NO Smoking, Vaping, or Alcoholic Beverages allowed at the parks.

Public Skating

The New Hartford Recreation Center offers public skating during the fall and winter months.

OCTOBER 23, 2026 - MARCH 19, 2027

Fridays 6:30pm–8pm
Saturdays 6pm–7:30pm
Sundays 3pm–4:30pm

Event calendars will be posted on Facebook and our website.

Splash Pad at Donovan Park Opens July 6

Families looking for a fun way to cool off this summer can visit the Splash Pad at Donovan Park in Chadwicks, which is scheduled to open on July 6, 2026. The Splash Pad offers a great close-to-home option for summer fun and is recommended for children ages 3 to 12.

For safety, children age 7 and under, or those under 40 inches tall, must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are not permitted in the Splash Pad area unless accompanying a child, and teenagers may not loiter within the Splash Pad area. The Splash Pad will remain open except during heavy rain, thunderstorms, threatening weather, maintenance, or if the equipment or facility is damaged.

GROUP PASSES

Families or groups renting a pavilion for a gathering may purchase a Splash Pad Group Pass for a discounted rate of \$40 for up to 10 children or guests. Group passes can be purchased at the Splash Pad.

TOKEN ONLY SYSTEM

Please note that the Splash Pad now operates on a tokens-only system. A machine is available onsite that accepts \$1, \$5, and \$20 bills and dispenses tokens. A \$20 bill receives \$25 in tokens. Debit and credit cards are not accepted, and attendants will not carry cash or be able to make change.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Children who require them must wear swim diapers.

SPLASH PAD HOURS & COST

Open: July 7–August 24, 7 days a week

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 AM–6 PM
Saturday & Sunday 10 AM–4 PM

Cost: \$5.00/day ages 3–12 (pay for child, adult supervision is free)

Season Pass Fees

Individual \$80 • Family \$100

Only children are charged; parents or accompanying adults are free.



2026 Summer Playground Program

The Town of New Hartford’s Summer Playground Program gives children a fun and active way to enjoy the summer through a variety of supervised activities. The program is led by a Playground Director and supported by Camp Counselors.

Please review the dates, eligibility requirements, fees, locations, and registration procedures carefully when making your summer plans.

The 6-week Summer Program will run from July 6 through August 14, 2026.

The program is open to Town of New Hartford residents who have completed grades K through 6 in spring 2026 and attend elementary school in the district. Registration is based on the child’s completed grade level and the elementary school they attend. Local elementary schools will be contacted to verify enrollment and grade completion.

Please note that this program is not intended to be a day care or day camp program, and daily attendance is not required. However, for the safety of all participants, a parent or designated guardian must sign children in and out each day. Failure to follow this policy may result in dismissal from the program.

The fee for the full 6-week program is \$500 per child.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed online only beginning June 2, 2026 at:

<https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/newhartford>

Registration must be completed before a child may attend the program. Payment is due at the time of registration and must be made online by credit or debit card. Please note that a nominal processing fee applies to all online payments. No in-person registrations will be accepted.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips will be announced at a later date. Participation in field trips will require an additional fee beyond the program registration fee.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be issued only if the Town of New Hartford cancels a program. No refunds will be given once the program has started.

Scan to Register:



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