

Spring 2024 News



Johnson Field Playground Updates

On March 26th, the Community Preservation Committee delegated CPA funds towards a new playground at Johnson Field. The Recreation Committee is incredibly grateful to the committee for these funds to make this playground possible. We would also like to express our gratitude to the many other people, boards, committees, and departments that have donated their time and guided this project from its beginning in the summer of 2022 and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. This has truly been the collaborative effort of so many.

We are continuing to work through the final details as we prepare for the project to be presented as a warrant article at the Boxford Town Meeting in May.

Over the next several weeks we will be speaking to different organizations in town including the following:

- Boxford PTO meeting April 12th at 7 pm at Spofford Pond School
- Council on Aging Intergenerational Group April 24 from 10:15-11:15 at 10 Elm

Donations can be submitted for our fund which has been established through Town Hall. Follow the steps on this page to donate. Information is also available on the Boxford Recreation Committee website.

Wondering how you can help?

Below are a few ways to support this project.

1. Support this vote at Town Meeting in May.
2. Financial support towards our fundraising effort. Donate to our fund by following the steps below.
3. Help with a fundraising event.

Go to the Town of Boxford website at <https://www.town.boxford.ma.us/> Click on "Online Payment" at the top right hand corner. Select "Donation". Select "Johnson Playground Renovation" then complete the remainder of the form.

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Tennis/ Pickleball Courts

Did you know Boxford has 2 tennis courts available for reservation? Courts can be reserved for tennis or pickleball on the Recreation Committee website. We are planning to switch to a different reservation system over the summer. More details will be shared at that time.

We would like to remind players to respect the carry-in, and carry-out policy in place for all items, including trash.

We are working on scheduling annual court maintenance and improving storage of the equipment at the courts.

For more information on booking/canceling a court and to view guidelines on court usage visit the rec comm webpage at <https://www.town.boxford.ma.us/recreation-committee/pages/tennis-pickleball-0>.

Earth Day 2024



In honor of Earth Day, Boxford residents are encouraged to collect litter on roadsides, trails, ballparks, and fields and bring the collected litter to the Recycling Center (behind the DPW garage next to Town Hall) on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 11 am -3 pm. Participants will receive an ice cream sundae, donated by Benson's Ice Cream at the Boxford Earth Day event in front of Town Hall after dropping off their collected litter. No household trash, please. Many exhibitors will be present, including Rec Committee representatives, offering valuable information on respecting and protecting our environment. Let's continue to keep Boxford beautiful!



Recreation Form

As temperatures warm up, we want to remind everyone about our playground form. Please use this form to submit noted damage or safety concerns. Information submitted is confidential and will be reported to the DPW for further evaluation. Use the link below to access the form. <https://forms.gle/SvgErzhqYagrTrTd8>

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BTA/BOLT Updates

The purpose of BTA/BOLT, Inc. is to preserve, protect, and acquire natural and aesthetically important land including fields, wetlands, woodlands, and trails in order to preserve the rural and agricultural character of Boxford.

BTA/BOLT will hold its annual member meeting on May 9th. Check their website for updates on spring hikes.

Please visit the website at www.btabolt.org to check upcoming events or to report any trail issues.

Boxford Park Program

Boxford Park Program 2024 will run from June 25-July 25 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am - 12 pm. The cost is \$90/week, except the week of July 2nd which is \$60 for the week due to the July 4th holiday.

Registration will open in May. Check the Town of Boxford website for more details.

BAA Spring News

Stiles Pond registration will open soon! Membership rates are as follows: Family \$225, Individual \$110, Senior \$35. August-only membership is \$100 and must be completed in person. Visit the BAA website at <https://www.baasports.com/page/show/92612-stiles-pond-beach> for more details.

Stiles Pond Beach swim lessons will be offered for ages 4 years 9 months and up. Classes run for 4 weeks in July beginning July 5th. Fees are as follows: Members \$125, Non-members \$150. For questions or financial assistance with membership or lessons please email the Beach Director at Stiles.Pond.Boxford@gmail.com. The opening date is planned for mid-June.

The BAA continues to administer the BAA Scholarship Program, created to award graduating Boxford student-athletes (Class of 2024) who exhibit academic excellence, community leadership, and the ability to make a difference on and off the field of play, making them a credit to their team, school, and our Boxford community. Scholarships range from \$750-2,500. Use the link to learn about the different scholarships and how to apply for them: <https://forms.gle/gLeNosvmgFPhHETh8>. Applications are due on or before Sunday, April 28th. Award notifications will be sent by May 23, 2024. Checks will be issued directly to schools after selection and confirmation of college registration. For questions, please email the BAA Scholarship Committee at baascholarshipinfo@gmail.com

<https://www.baasports.com>

The Boxford Recreation Committee oversees the maintenance of all the athletic fields in Town, except for the BAA baseball field at Stiles Pond. The Boxford DPW Parks and Recreation department does the maintenance. The tennis courts behind the Boxford Police Station also come under the Recreation Committee. The Town-owned parcel of land between Stiles Pond and Main Street, north of the Danvers Y Camp, is known as Camp Sacajewea and is managed by the Recreation Committee. The Boxford Trails system, maintained by BTA/BOLT and the Boxford Bay Circuit Program Committee, has a representative on the Recreation Committee.

Visit <https://www.town.boxford.ma.us/recreation-committee> for more information.