# PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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### **2024 BY THE NUMBERS**



of 61,782 total senior pass visits and 14,205 lunches served.



10% increase in total Recreation program registrations.



21,000+ Drop-in swimmers.

28,000 in total Center Stage Concert Series & Gazebo Concert Series attendance last season.

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2,290 hours of run-time for Parks Department equipment & 2,452 hours of mowing.



549 building & shelter rentals.



319 lbs of food donated from the Community Garden.



648 athletic field rentals.



- 2,522 summer camp registrations.



200+ Splash Parties.

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## TOWN & STAFF OVERVIEW



Jeff Nutting Recreation & Parks Commissioner



Nick Berlin Recreation Director



Chris Dudley Parks Director

Kelly Attridge, Assistant Recreation Director | Michael Clark, Senior Recreation Supervisor | Sydney Mooney, Recreation Supervisor | Joe Kincaid, Recreation Supervisor | Laura Silins, Aquatics Supervisor | Sean Anne, Lifeguard Lieutenant | Anke Applebaum, 55+ Program Supervisor | Amy Kelley, Office Clerk | Michelle Reus, Office Clerk | Maggie Monsen, Office Clerk | Rebecca Drumm, Office Clerk | Joseph Brophy, Cook | Scott Allen, Facility Manager | Mike Sozio, PCC Custodian | Jon Pitre, Building Attendant | Dillon Dayton, Parks Foreman | Dan Frederes, Shop Mechanic | Rob Cooper, Ground Equipment Operator | Michael Lioudis, Ground Equipment Operator | Matt Loveless, Ground Equipment Operator | Noah Brown, Laborer | Ryan Fox, Laborer | Tanner Doyle, Laborer |



## ABOUT PERINTON PARKS

## PARKS IN PERINTON



#### PERINTON COMMUNITY CENTER:

Lap Pool, Indoor Water Park, Current Channel, and Hot Tub!

Fitness Equipment, Track, 55+ Lounge, Classes, Drop-In Sports, After-School Programs and Gym!





Ayrault Boat Launch 426 Ayrault Rd, Fairport, NY 14450 Bushnell's Basin Docks



Center Park East 1466 Ayrault Rd Fairport, NY 14450

640 NY-96, Pittsford, NY 14534



Center Park West 1100 Ayrault Rd Fairport, NY 14450



99 Victor Rd Fairport, NY 14450 Fellows Road Park

Egypt Park



Garnsey Road Arboretum 500 Garnsey Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



Kreag Road Park 555 Kreag Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534

499 Fellows Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



Perinton Amphitheater 1100 Ayrault Rd Fairport, NY 14450



Perinton Community/Aquatic Center 1350 Turk Hill Rd Fairport, NY 14450



Perinton Park/Perinton Skatepark 99 O'Connor Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



**Potter Park** 53 W Church St, Fairport, NY 14450



Howell Road Park 202 Howell Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



**Spring Lake Park** 99 Whitney Rd, Penfield, NY 14526



White Brook Nature Center 250 Aldrich Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



Learn More!

## ABOUT PERINTON TRAILS

## TRAILS IN PERINTON





Beechwoods Trail Located off High Street Extension, Fairport, NY 14450.

Hart's Woods Trail Located off Moseley Road, Fairport, NY 14450.

Horizon Hill Trail Located off Garnsey Road, Fairport, NY 14450.

Howell Road Trail Located off Howell Rd, Fairport, NY 14450.

Indian Hill Trail Located off Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY 14450.

McCoord Hannan Woods Trail Located between Garnsey Road & Kreag Road, Fairport, NY 14450.

**Spring Lake Trail** Located in Spring Lake Park, 99 Whitney Rd, Penfield, NY 14526.



Since 1980, the Crescent Trail Hiking Association has been leading free monthly guided hikes to share a love of nature, educate hikers on Perinton's history, and encourage stewardship of our environment.

They offer hikes for various skill levels and age groups. Visit www.crescenttrail.org/ for more inforamtion.





The **RS&E Trolley Trail**, spans about 5-miles in total from the northwest to the southeast portion of Perinton. The Trail was once a railroad that connected Rochester, Syracuse, and Eastern New York. Perfect for walking, running, and biking year-round, the trail welcomes all skill levels and is wheelchair and stroller accessible. In winter, enjoy skiing and snowshoeing. Connect with the Erie Canal Path for an extended journey from Eyer Park in East Rochester, through Fairport and Egypt, to Pannell Road.





The **Crescent Trail** is a system of footpaths within the Town of Perinton suitable for uses such as hiking, crosscountry running, snowshoeing, nature study, and photography. Approximately thirty-five miles of footpaths provide public access to wooded hills, Town parklands, scenic overlooks, the margins of wetlands, and other preserved open spaces. The Trail connects with the Erie Canal Trail and the RS&E Trolley Trail.





The **Erie Canal Trail** is a scenic journey with captivating scenery and the storied legacy of the Erie Canal. Stretching 360 miles from Buffalo to Albany in Upstate New York, this trail follows historic water and rail routes, offering a flat and off-road ride suitable for walkers and cyclists alike. Connect with our Perinton parks, trails, and local businesses along the way!

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

## **RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**



### Al K. Chesonis - Chair | Michael Coppola | Paul Fioravanti | Jayne LaFay James Unckless | Emily Chisholm Gallagher | Amy Bender

The Perinton Recreation & Parks Advisory Board has seven members, each appointed to serve seven-year terms, operating without term limits. Meetings convene monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. within the Perinton Community Center. Tasked with advising the Recreation and Parks staff, their mission extends to furnishing recommendations to the Town Board concerning matters pertaining to recreation programming and the Town's park system.

### CENTER STAGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES COMMITTEE



#### **Committee Members:**

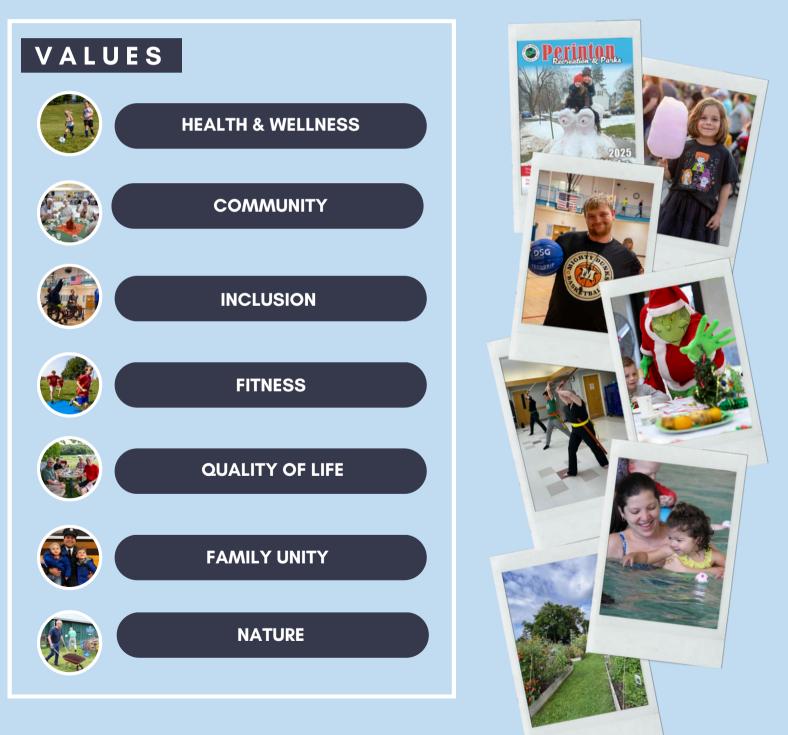
- Ralph DeBergalis
- 🕽 Phil DiPiazza
- 🚯 Chuck DiPiazza
- 🎵 Tim Forster
- 🔎 Scott Winner

The Center Stage Summer Concert Committee assists the Recreation & Parks Department with planning and executing free seasonal concerts at the Perinton Amphitheater.

## MISSION & VALUES OF RECREATION AND PARKS

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department is to provide safe and satisfying recreation programs, well maintained parks, and clean and comfortable leisure facilities. We are committed to provide valued services that enhance the quality of life of current and future residents.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR



CIARAN HANNA TOWN SUPERVISOR

At the heart of Perinton, we remain dedicated to fostering a vibrant community where all residents—whether young families starting new chapters or seniors enjoying their well-earned golden years—feel valued and supported.

To realize this vision, our commitment to families and seniors continues to be a cornerstone of our efforts. Through recreation programs that create lasting connections across generations, and by developing accessible spaces and social support networks, we strive to ensure every individual has a deep sense of belonging in Perinton.

This dedication is exemplified by the exceptional work of our Perinton Recreation & Parks Department. Their hard work ensures our community thrives with a wide range of programs, meticulously maintained parks, and engaging events. From youth sports leagues to senior wellness activities, our Recreation and Parks team embodies the spirit of service that defines Perinton. Their passion for enhancing our town's quality of life is reflected in every park and gathering.

In 2024, the Perinton Recreation & Parks Department made remarkable strides, thanks to the support of the entire community. Our playground revitalization plan progressed, including plans to create a new inclusive playground at Center Park West. This exciting addition, set to open in 2025, will feature accessible and music-themed play structures, designed with community feedback in mind.

We also celebrated the completion of the new Skatepark at Perinton Park, a project created by and for our residents. This exciting project was made possible in part by a \$1.5 million grant from New York State. To enhance accessibility and overall experience, Perinton Park continues to receive thoughtful improvements, including new sidewalks that connect the skatepark to other park amenities, expanded parking areas, and a brand-new pedestrian entrance from Route 31F.



In addition to large projects, we continue to enhance programs that support working families. Our K-6 After-School Fun-Zone Program grew, providing vital childcare for working parents. Our free summer camp at Evergreen East also continues to grow, offering more opportunities for fun and learning through field trips, games, and visitors such as the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

As we reflect on these accomplishments and look to a new year, I invite all of you to actively engage in shaping the future of Perinton. Your input, creativity, and enthusiasm are invaluable as we work together to create a community where individuals, families, and seniors alike can thrive.

Looking ahead, the future of Perinton Recreation & Parks is filled with promise. Our plans include expanding outdoor programming and introducing new recreational activities for residents of all ages. Additionally, we are excited to celebrate the Canal Bicentennial in 2025, offering events that highlight Perinton's connection to the Erie Canal and its vital role in shaping our town's history.

Together, let's continue enhancing recreational experiences, maintaining our parks, and ensuring that everyone in our community feels a strong sense of connection and pride. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward into another exciting year.

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## SPONSORS & PARTNERS

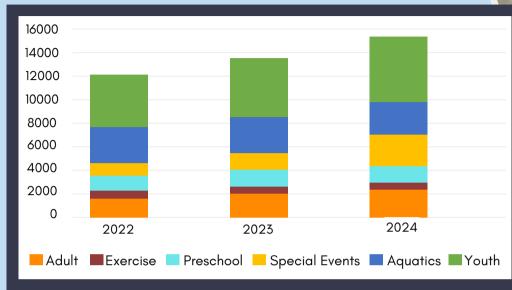
Public-private partnerships play a crucial role in the success and growth of recreation and park initiatives in the Town of Perinton. These collaborations between the Town, local businesses, and non-profit organizations help enhance the quality of life for residents by providing improved recreational facilities, diverse programming, and increased access to community resources. In 2024, the cumulative support for these efforts reached \$128,873, a testament to the strength of these partnerships and the commitment of the community.

### TOTAL SUPPORT: \$128,873





## 2024 ENROLLMENT



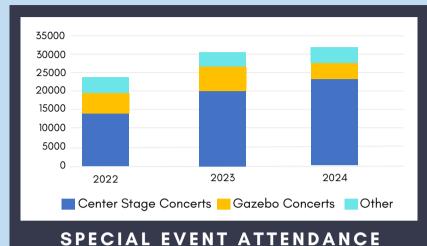
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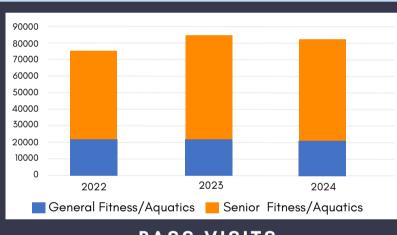
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## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION









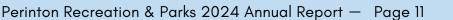




## SPECIAL EVENTS



The Rochester Events ticketed summer concert series at the Perinton Amphitheater was a tremendous success, featuring performances from bands like Blues Traveler and Joe Russo's Almost Dead. The revenue from hosting these concerts helped to launch our "Free or Five" initiative, which makes our special events more affordable for families, at \$5 or even free.



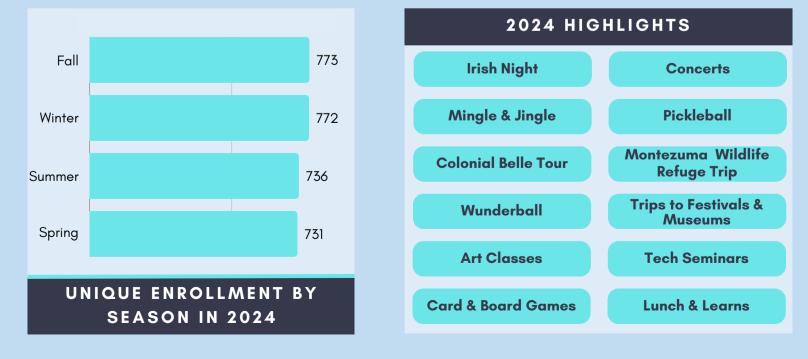
## 55+ PROGRAM

The Perinton 55+ program offers a vibrant array of activities catering to seniors in our community. From themed events like Irish Night and Oktoberfest to social gatherings like Jingle and Mingle, it's the place to be. 55+ programs include fitness, arts, games, tours, field trips, and opportunities for socializing. Additionally, our curbside lunch program provides nutritious and affordable meals.

Of course, a special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who contribute to the program's success. At the Perinton Community Center, individuals of all ages and skill levels can find something to enjoy, whether it's working out, playing pickleball, taking an art class, or spending time with friends in the 55+ Community Room for games like bingo, mah jongg, euchre, and bunco.

The Perinton 55+ program at the Community Center is a testament to our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community for seniors to thrive and connect.





## CAPITAL PROJECTS



#### Aquatic Center / Town Hall Roof Replacement

Necessary roof replacements were completed at the Perinton Aquatic Center and Town Hall. These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe, functional, and efficient town buildings for our residents and staff. Cost: \$737,258 / Funding: Building Improvements Fund and



#### Aquatic Center Pool Resurfacing

A comprehensive pool resurfacing project was completed at the Perinton Aquatic Center in 2024. This important maintenance effort—typically performed every 10 to 15 years—reflects our ongoing commitment to providing safe, high-quality recreational facilities for residents of all ages.



### PCC Restroom Improvements

Restroom improvements were completed at the Perinton Community Center, including the installation of new sinks, counters, and updated finishes. These upgrades support our continued efforts to maintain clean, comfortable, and accessible facilities for all who visit the PCC.



#### **Aquatics Chemical Feed System**

Upgrades to the Aquatic Center's chemical feed system were completed to ensure continued water quality, safety, and operational efficiency. This behind-the-scenes improvement is part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a clean and well-managed facility for all swimmers and visitors.



#### Court Improvements

#### Cost: \$29,184 / Funding: Building Improvements Fund

Cost: \$4,538 / Funding: Operating Budget

Cost: \$256,385 / Funding: Building Improvements Fund

ARPA Funds

Court improvements were completed across several Town parks, including resurfacing the play court at Egypt Park, tennis and basketball courts at Kreag Road Park, and the multipurpose court at Potter Park. These enhancements are part of our continued investment in safe, high-quality recreational spaces for residents of all ages. Cost: \$63,029 / Funding: Park Improvement Fund



#### Parking Lot Updates

ciFit Upper Body Trainer

Parking lot improvements were completed at multiple Town facilities, including a full reconstruction of the Foley Road trailhead parking lot and a chip seal application at Potter Park. These updates were made possible through collaboration with the Department of Public Works, providing safer access, improved durability, and continued ease of use for park visitors.

#### Budget: \$20,000/ Funding: Park Improvement Fund

#### 2024 Equipment Purchases



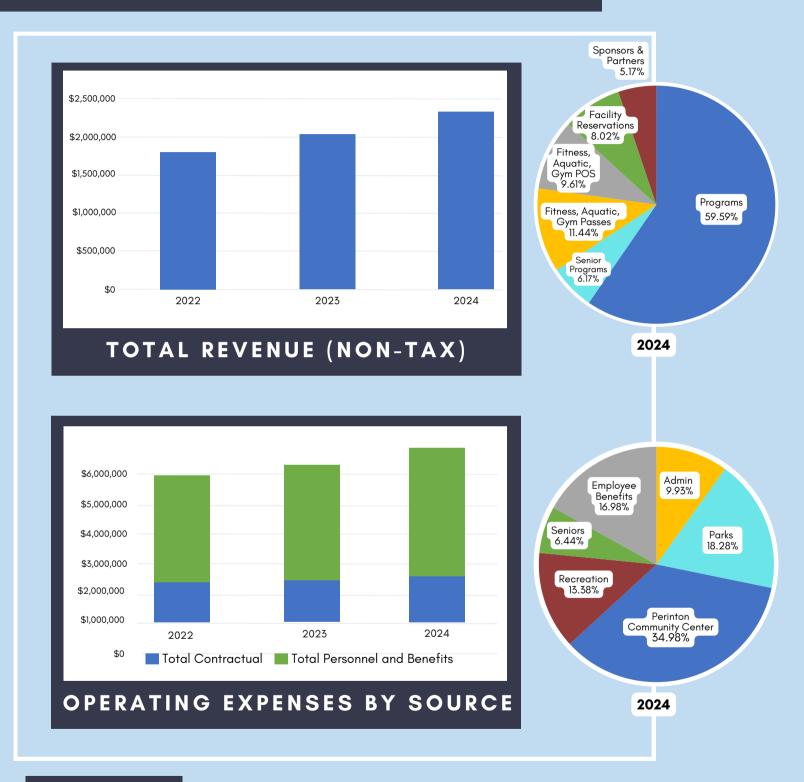






### 1 NuStep Cross Trainer

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



#### Top Takeaways:

Overall revenue has grown steadily, with a 14.9% increase from 2022 to 2023 and a 6.4% increase from 2023 to 2024.

In 2024, revenue from programs increased by 12.5%, reinforcing the strength and appeal of our core offerings.

Sponsorship and partner support rose by 54.8% in 2024, highlighting successful community engagement efforts.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2024 Genesee Valley Recreation and Park Society Awards



Kelly Attridge, Assistant Recreation Director, won the "Good Gal" Award.



The newly opened Perinton Skatepark won the Exceptional Park Design Award.









### "Living the Values" Employee Recognition Program

The Town of Perinton's "Living the Values" program recognizes employees who provide exceptional public service and embody our core values of integrity, community, respect, customer service, and stewardship. Perinton Recreation & Parks is proud to have had team members recognized as award recipients in two quarters of 2024.



Ted Rakiewicz & Katarina Sherry Perinton Aquatic Center



**Bill Maier** Perinton 55+ Office

## SPOTLIGHT ON COLLABORATION

#### Community Collaborations

Perinton Recreation & Parks is proud to partner with local organizations to host collection bins for important community drives. In collaboration with Vertical Boost, we collected gently used sneakers and coats to support those in need. Color Fairport Green hosted a holiday light recycling drive, helping to keep our community sustainable. Additionally, VFW Post 8495 utilized our lobby for a Toys for Tots collection box, bringing joy to children during the holiday season. These efforts reflect our commitment to supporting the community and making a positive impact in 2024.



#### Mighty Dunks at Perinton Community Center

In 2024, Perinton Recreation & Parks took over the administration of the Mighty Dunks program, formerly managed by Abilities Movement, and continues to partner with them to offer this inclusive basketball experience. The program brings together participants of all abilities to enjoy basketball, stretches, drills, skill development, scrimmages, and the opportunity to build friendships in a supportive environment.

Abilities Movement, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization committed to meeting the health, wellness, fitness, and sports needs of the greater Rochester area. Through professional, affordable, and community-focused programming, they provide opportunities for individuals of all abilities to develop confidence, engage with others, and achieve personal goals. We are proud to work alongside them to offer this enriching program for our community.



#### Crescent Trail Hiking Association



Perinton Recreation & Parks proudly partners with the Crescent Trail Hiking Association to maintain thirty-five miles, with support from Perinton Parks. Special thanks to the Silver Foxes, dedicated volunteers who work to keep our trails safe and beautiful.

#### Free Summer Camp at Evergreen East



A free summer camp at Evergreen East formerly the Pines of Perinton—provides school-aged children with a fun and enriching experience, featuring games, field trips, food trucks, and special guest presenters. Each session welcomes up to 50 participants, offering a safe and engaging environment right in their own backyard.



#### Fairport Rotary

With support from Fairport Rotary Club, three iconic canal-side benches in Perinton Park have been replaced. These benches are vital community gathering spaces and hold special significance for many park visitors.



#### FunZone with Fairport Schools



Our afterschool program continues to support families by providing safe, engaging care at the Perinton Community Center with direct busing from Fairport schools.

#### **Rochester Events Concerts**

The Rochester Events Concert Series at the Perinton Amphitheater was a huge success, raising more than \$11,000 for the Fairport Foundation. Proceeds also help Perinton's recreation programs be more affordable through the Free or Five initiative!



## NEW INITIATIVES



### **Opening of Perinton Skatepark & Park Improvements**

The Perinton Skatepark became a reality in 2024 after years of collaboration with local advocates and strong community input. Funded in part by a \$1.5 million NYS grant, the project also brought enhancements to Perinton Park, including improved sidewalks, expanded parking, and an updated pedestrian entrance. The skatepark is designed to be a welcoming space for skaters of all ages and abilities, with learn-to-skate programs to ensure access for all members of the community.



### Mighty Dunks Program

Perinton Recreation & Parks took over administration of the Mighty Dunks program—an inclusive basketball experience previously run by Abilities Movement. We continue to partner with this impactful nonprofit to offer participants of all abilities the chance to build skills, stay active, and form lasting friendships in a fun, supportive environment.



#### New Communication Boards at Parks and Facilities

Perinton proudly enhanced accessibility at Kreag Road Park and the Perinton Aquatic Center with the installation of new communication boards, generously donated by Channing's Joy. These visual tools support individuals with communication challenges, helping make our spaces more inclusive for all. Special thanks to Dakota Valdez of Randall's Voice for her partnership in making these meaningful additions possible.



#### Friends of Perinton Recreation & Parks Established

The Friends of Perinton Recreation and Parks, formed in 2024, is a dedicated group of volunteers and residents focused on supporting the Recreation and Parks Department. They aim to raise funds for scholarship programs and inclusive initiatives to ensure that financial and other barriers do not prevent residents from accessing recreation programs, events, and activities. Through their work, they strive to promote inclusion, accessibility, and community.



#### **Expanded Rochester Events Concerts**

In 2024, Rochester Events hosted another remarkable season of ticketed summer concerts, featuring six evenings of nationally-touring bands like Blues Traveler, Get the Led Out, JRAD, and more. These performances captivated local audiences from Perinton and surrounding areas, as well as music fans from across the state and Canada. In addition to providing incredible entertainment, the concerts raised significant funds for the Fairport Foundation.



### Total Eclipse of the Park Event

The Total Eclipse of the Park event in Perinton on April 8, 2024, was a celestial success! Despite a few clouds, our community gathered to witness the eclipse, enjoy delicious food from local trucks, and participate in fun activities. Special thanks to our event sponsors Colton RV & Marine and inTech RV, and to our fantastic food trucks and entertainment, including Fairport Robotics' t-shirt cannon!



#### Fall Youth Basketball League

A new Fall Basketball League for Grades 3-6 launched in 2024. This instructional program focuses on building fundamentals, skill development, and instilling a love for the game. With participation from boys and girls eager to improve their basketball skills, the league offers a fun and supportive environment for young athletes to grow both on and off the court.

## 2025 PREVIEW



### Free or \$5 Initiative



The Free or \$5 Initiative will offer a wide range of community events at minimal or no cost. With support from Rochester Events concerts and generous sponsors, the initiative includes events like the Pizza Poll, Valentine's Day Dance, and Gazebo Concert Series. As attendance soars, this program ensures that Perinton residents can enjoy these beloved traditions while reaffirming the Town's commitment to supporting families.

A new, music-themed playground at Center Park West is set to open in 2025 as part of the Town's 5-Year Playground Revitalization Plan. Designed with community input, this inclusive playground will feature play structures that cater to all abilities. Located near key amenities and in harmony with the adjacent Perinton Amphitheater, the playground will provide a vibrant and accessible space for children ages 2 to 12 to explore, learn, and play.

### **Center Park West Playground**



A significant project will occur at Fellows Road Park, including infrastructure and drainage enhancements. This is a collaborative effort between the Recreation & Parks Department and Perinton Public Works. These improvements will help create a more enjoyable and accessible park experience for all visitors, further elevating the park's appeal and functionality for the community.

### **Fellows Road Park Project**



The Lion's Den at Potter Park in the Village of Fairport is transforming from an underutilized teen center to a sought-after venue for private event rentals. This newly renovated space combines modern amenities with the historic charm of Potter Park. Perfect for meetings, celebrations, or gatherings, the Lion's Den offers a versatile layout, an updated kitchen, WiFi, air conditioning, and entertainment options.

### Lion's Den Rental Opportunities



In 2025, we will celebrate 200 years of history and exploration on the Erie Canal! Join us on Sunday, September 28th, in Perinton Park for the Canal Bicentennial Celebration, in partnership with local organizations. This special event will honor the canal's profound impact on our community, with activities and food & drink for all ages. Make waves in your summer plans and be part of this exciting milestone celebration!

### **Canal Bicentennial Celebration**



The Perinton Aquatic Center will undergo an LED light replacement, upgrading all 57 high-intensity arena lights to 52 modern, energy-efficient LED fixtures. This will enhance lighting quality and reduce energy consumption by 46%, cutting energy costs and supporting sustainability. Funded in part by a Fairport Municipal Commission IEEP Grant, this project reflects our commitment to providing brighter, more eco-friendly facilities.

### **Aquatic Center LED Light Replacement**

