

UNITY PARK

First Street, Turners Falls



Our award winning park is MPRD's flagship facility, and has been one of the most popular outdoor recreation areas in Franklin County for generations! Facilities included a playground (with a whale water spray feature), sand volleyball court, basketball court, community garden, picnic area, ballfields, and our new concrete skate park! **"The Whale" Water Spray Feature** will be open from **the first day of Summer through Labor Day**, with operating hours 11:00am - 7:00pm!

The Unity Skate Park -

The Unity Skate Park opened in 2016, and has proven to be one of the most popular skatepark facilities in Western Mass. Built by Grindline Skateparks of Seattle, the skatepark appeals to every skill level. Skateboarding is a great, healthy sport, so get your kids involved and have them experience the thrill.....



HIGHLAND PARK

Lyman Street, Millers Falls



Located just off Millers Falls Road right before the hill going down to the village center, Highland Park is the second most widely utilized park under the Parks & Recreation Department's authority. The facility currently includes a softball field (soccer in the fall), playground area, picnic area, park shed, and a parking area with a basketball hoop. The park is currently used by our Girls Softball Program (which now plays in the *Greenfield Girls Softball League*), and Youth Soccer.

The playground has seen considerable improvements in the last ten to twelve years, with the installation of a slide, climbing structure, merry-go-round, and swingsets.

MONTAGUE CENTER PARK

School Street, Montague Center



In the spring of 2015, the department was able to bring back adult softball league games to Montague Center Park. The increased popularity of the league allowed us to schedule games on the ballfield after a seven year hiatus. The park's other popular events revolve around the annual Independence

Day Bonfire (sponsored by the Montague Center Volunteer Firemen's Association), and event space for Montague's Annual Old Home Days.

In the spring of 2015, the department was able to successfully remove the large climbing structure at the old Montague Center School with the help of village residents and the Mohawk Ramblers. The structure is temporarily stored in the old blacksmith shop, adjacent to the park, in hopes of installing it in the playground as part of a facility-wide improvement project. The department is in the process of beginning a master plan process to identify facility shortcomings and concerns, and explore new and updated areas of service.

RUTTER'S PARK

Montague Road, Lake Pleasant.



Rutter's Park is a relatively new playground that includes a metal slide, tot-sized double slide, teeter totter, and a three-bay swing set. As with Norma's Park, MPRD does not currently hold any programs or events at this park.

In 2016, MPRD in partnership with the Franklin County Housing & Rehabilitation Authority (FCHRA), developed a five member Park Improvement Committee and began the Master Plan process for Rutter's Park. GZA Geoenvironmental Inc. out of Springfield, Massachusetts was hired as the design firm and facilitated approximately five public hearings from the summer through the fall of the same year. We are currently in the process of completing the design phase of the project, and will be applying for construction funding for 2018.

NORMA'S PARK

Lake Pleasant Rd., Lake Pleasant.



Norma's Park is primarily a playground with a couple of picnic tables, swing set, and climbing structure. In the fall of 2008, we installed a new bench swing, and the First Calvary Church of Turners Falls donated and planted numerous flower bulbs, and installed flower beds along the fence which has greatly beautified the park. The Town of Montague currently leases the ballfield adjacent to Norma's Park from Eversource.