



Town of East Greenbush

Department of Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations

I. Purpose.

These *Rules and Regulations* shall apply to the use of Town parks and facilities listed in Section II and are intended to provide the fullest enjoyment of the Town park system for its patrons.

II. Town parks and facilities.

The following are the Town parks and facilities covered by these *Rules and Regulations*:

- East Greenbush Town Park- Town Park Rd.
- Onderdonk Park- Hampton Ave.
- Hampton Manor Park- Lakeshore Drive
- Woodland's Eckman Park is located off Phillips and Grant Avenue.
- Prospect Heights Park is located on Neptune Street
- Ontario Park is located on Ontario Avenue

III. General Rules.

The following provisions shall apply:

A. Hours.

Except for special events or rentals authorized by the Town and as provided below, park hours are from 8 a.m. until dusk, year around. If a park's entrance is blocked or the gate is locked, entry to and use of the park is prohibited.

B. Fees.

Any fee for use shall be determined on an annual basis by the Town Board.

C. Use.

Park facilities are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis except those areas that are reserved as provided in Section V. Patrons shall preserve the peace and tranquility of the parks. Offensive language and undesirable noise amplification is prohibited.

D. Refuse and Trash. Any trash which is a result of legal park use such as picnicking shall be placed in the proper receptacles where provided. Where such receptacles are not provided, all rubbish and trash shall be removed from the park by those who are using the park.

E. Vehicles. All vehicles shall be operated on park roads only and in designated parking areas. Parking on the grass is prohibited. Access and maintenance roads shall remain clear at all times. The maintenance of vehicles, including changing oil and cleaning, is prohibited on park grounds except for emergencies.

F. Fires. Fires are only allowed in cooking grills. Cooking grills are charcoal only and charcoal is not provided by the Town. Portable camp stoves and grills are permissible.

G. Tobacco Free Zones. Playgrounds, playing and athletic fields, dog park, tennis and basketball courts are tobacco free.

H. Assumption of Risk and Loss. All patrons using Town parks and recreational facilities do so at their own risk. The Town assumes no responsibility for loss of personal property.

IV. Prohibited Activities.

Except as authorized by the Department of Parks & Recreation, the following activities are prohibited:

A. Alcohol.

Except as provided under Section VI, the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

B. Damage and Removal of Plants and Natural Features.

Damaging, cutting, carving, transplanting or removing trees, vegetation, or plants; picking flowers, injuring bark or removing seeds; digging or disturbing the ground or injuring the natural beauty of the park; damaging or removing soil, rocks, trees, fence posts, or collecting of firewood is all prohibited.

C. Damage to Property and Erection of Structures.

Driving nails or staples into trees, buildings or picnic tables or constructing, installing or erecting any building or structure is prohibited.

D. Disruptive Behavior.

Patrons engaging in disruptive, destructive or hazardous behavior may be directed to stop such behavior by any park employee or enforcement official. Such conduct may result in the expulsion of the patron from the park and at the discretion of the Town official and the issuance of a legal summons.

E. Fireworks.

Fireworks of any type with the exclusion of professional firework companies hired by the Town are prohibited.

F. Group Assembly.

Group assemblies that may conflict with normal park use without prior authorization from Town officials are prohibited.

G. Hunting.

Except for authorized law enforcement personnel, the carrying, possessing, or use of firearms including, but not limited to, bow hunting and trapping devices is prohibited. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is prohibited and illegal.

H. Litter and dumping.

Dumping, littering, depositing or leaving any bottles, glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish or other trash is prohibited

I. Motorized vehicles.

All-terrain vehicles, off-road motor bikes, snowmobiles, air-supported vehicles, and overnight parking are prohibited.

J. Overnight camping.

Overnight camping, tents, and enclosures are prohibited.

K. Special devices and activities.

Inflatable slides, slip 'n slides, bouncy bounces, trampolines, and pony rides unless a Certificate of Insurance with the Town of East Greenbush listed as additional insured is provided to the Town by the company are prohibited.

L. Vending, Fundraising and Performances.

Sales, peddling, fundraising, advertising, or staging performances without authorization by Town Officials is prohibited.

M. Wildlife.

Feeding or disturbing wildlife is prohibited.

V. Reservations.

Reservations are required for the use of all Park Pavilions or Hampton Manor Beach House.

- A. All rentals must be reserved through the Department of Community and Recreation. 477-4194.
- B. A facility request form must be completed and submitted with a deposit and all required insurance information.
- C. If you would like to provide alcoholic beverages, beer and/or wine to attendees of your event at no cost to them and it is a private, "by invitation only" event (family reunion, company picnic, etc.), you must apply for an alcoholic beverage permit for an additional charge.
- D. Cancellations made less than two weeks in advance of a scheduled event will not be refunded.
- E. There is a \$50 fee for ALL cancelled reservations.

VI. Alcohol.

A. Prohibited. Except for a *Beer and Wine Permit* issued under Section VI (B), the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

B. Beer and Wine Permit.

Beer and/or wine shall be served under the following conditions:

1. The issuance of *Beer and Wine Permit* by the Department of Parks & Recreation.
2. Beer and/or wine may not be sold or served to persons under the age of 21.
3. Beer and/or wine are the only alcoholic beverages which may be served.
4. Beer and/or wine shall be served from beer balls, kegs, cans or boxes only.
5. Glass bottles and glass containers are prohibited.
6. Beer and/or wine are restricted to the pavilion areas and adjoining softball, diamond, volleyball court and horseshoe pits.
7. The *Beer and Wine Permit* shall be posted at the pavilion.
8. Any violation of these requirements may result in immediate revocation of the *Beer and Wine Permit*.

VII. Animals.

A. Leash. Except as provided in Section VII(B), all animals shall be kept on a leash at all times pursuant to Town of East Greenbush Local Law #4 of 1971. Dog excrement shall be removed immediately and properly disposed of in a sanitary manner.

B. Dog Park.

The use of the dog park shall comply with the following requirements:

- The dog park is restricted to East Greenbush residents with permits. Permits may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.
- All dogs **MUST** be leashed outside of the fenced in area.
- Owners must carry a leash and supervise their dog closely at all times inside the dog park.
- Anyone using the dog park will do so at their own risk.
- Dogs must wear NYS Tags.
- The Town of East Greenbush shall have no liability for damage to dogs or people using this park.
- Current Dog License and Usage Permit is required. Dogs must wear a collar with permits.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs and place feces in appropriate containers and receptacles.
- Owners are legally responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs.
- Dogs with a history of aggressive behavior are prohibited while other dogs are in the park.
- Children under age 10 are NOT permitted.
- Children 10-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children are not permitted to chase or supervise dogs.
- Dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Puppies under 4 months of age are not allowed in the dog park.
- Habitual barking that is disruptive to residents enjoying the park is prohibited.
- Rawhide, dog treats, and food are prohibited.
- Owners must stop their dog from digging and holes must be filled.
- Dog training classes are prohibited.
- No more than two dogs per owner are allowed in the dog park at one time.
- Enforcement of these rules is under immediate supervision of the Animal Control Officer. Violators are subject to removal from the park, revocation of permits, and fines and penalties.
- Comments or concerns regarding the violation or enforcement of park rules can be directed to Animal Control Officer at 951-0213 or the Department of Parks, Community and Recreation at 477-4194
- Comments or concerns regarding the maintenance of the park can be directed to the Public Works Parks Department at 477-6103
- Any incident of a dog bite **MUST** be reported immediately to Animal Control @ 951-0213.
- It is recommended that in the occurrence of any incident between dogs that all information between owners and dogs be exchanged at the time.
- Please note that extremely aggressive behavior and/or dog bites, as well as, owners not abiding to the rules, are all justification for permit revocation.

VIII. Summer Camp. The Town runs a summer camp program at the East Greenbush Town Park for six consecutive weeks during the months of July and August. During this time, the Red Barn and lower pavilion, the open space in the park by the circle and by the water, and the playground areas are restricted for use from 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

Questions in regard to any of the above may be directed as follows:

1. Department of Parks, Community, and Recreation 477-4194
2. Department of Public Works 477-6103
3. Town Clerk's Office 477-7145
4. Town Board- 477-4775