

PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS



**2025
ANNUAL REPORT**

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2025 BY THE NUMBERS

-  95,427 total pass visits.
-  68,804 total senior pass visits and 14,205 lunches served.
-  5% increase in total Recreation program registrations.
-  23,000+ Drop-in swimmers.
-  23,000 in total Center Stage Concert Series & Gazebo Concert Series attendance last season.
-  42,869 Senior fitness and aquatics class participants.
-  2,604 hours of run-time for Parks Department equipment & 2,082 hours of mowing.
-  549 building & shelter rentals.
-  338 lbs of food donated from the Community Garden.
-  648 athletic field rentals.
-  2,795 summer camp registrations.
-  1,100 hours of open pickleball at the PCC.
-  200+ Splash Parties.



TOWN & STAFF OVERVIEW



Jeff Nutting
Recreation & Parks
Commissioner



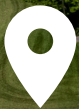
Nick Berlin
Recreation Director



Chris Dudley
Park Services Director

Kelly Attridge, Assistant Recreation Director | Michael Clark, Senior Recreation Supervisor | Sydney Steele, Recreation Supervisor | Joe Kincaid, Recreation Supervisor | Laura Silins, Aquatics Supervisor | Sean Anne, Lifeguard Lieutenant | Emily Newsome, Recreation Leader | Diane Gibson, 55+ Supervisor | Janelle Reed, Office Manager | 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 | Jakob Byron, Laborer |

ABOUT THE TOWN OF PERINTON



SOUTHEAST

SUBURB OF
ROCHESTER, NY



46,774

TOWN OF PERINTON
POPULATION



5,353

VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT
POPULATION; WITHIN THE
TOWN OF PERINTON



\$111,695

MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

2024 U.S. Census Data

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

640 NY-96, Pittsford, NY 14534



Center Park East

1466 Ayrault Rd Fairport, NY 14450



Center Park West

1100 Ayrault Rd Fairport, NY 14450



Egypt Park

99 Victor Rd Fairport, NY 14450



Fellows Road Park

499 Fellows Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



Garnsey Road Arboretum

500 Garnsey Rd, Fairport, NY 14450



Kreag Road Park

555 Kreag Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534



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

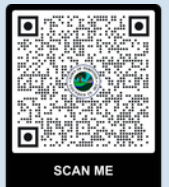
99 Whitney Rd, Penfield, NY 14526



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.

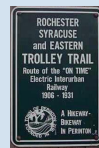
Spring Lake Trail

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 information.



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, cross-country 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.

VALUES



HEALTH & WELLNESS



COMMUNITY



INCLUSION



FITNESS



QUALITY OF LIFE



FAMILY UNITY



NATURE



A MESSAGE FROM RECREATION & PARKS



JEFF NUTTING
RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSIONER

At Perinton Recreation & Parks, our mission is simple: to provide high-quality programs, parks, trails, and facilities that enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages. As I reflect on 2025, I am proud of what our staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners accomplished together.

This report tells the story of a department that continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our community. In 2025, we welcomed more than 82,000 pass visits to our facilities, served over 21,000 drop-in swimmers, hosted nearly 28,000 attendees at our Center Stage and Gazebo Concert Series events, and saw a 10% increase in recreation program registrations.

One of the highlights of the year was the continued success of our "Free or Five" initiative. By reducing financial barriers and reinvesting revenue generated through partnerships and larger events, we have made it easier for families to participate in community events and recreation programs. The response has been tremendous, with some events experiencing participation increases of 300 to 400 percent.

Another encouraging trend we saw in 2025 was the continued growth of our 55+ programming. Senior program participation increased by more than 20% over the previous year. These programs provide opportunities for recreation, learning, fitness, and social connection, helping seniors remain active and engaged in our community.

We also made significant investments in our parks and facilities. The opening of the new music-themed playground at Center Park West, infrastructure improvements at Fellows Road Park, renovations to the Perinton Community Center fitness area, and the development of a new disc golf course at Howell Road Park demonstrate our commitment to maintaining and enhancing the spaces residents enjoy every day.

Equally important is our focus on inclusion and accessibility. From scholarships and adaptive programming to the creation of more accessible recreational spaces, we remain committed to ensuring that every resident feels welcome and has the opportunity to participate. In 2025, more than \$12,000 in scholarships helped expand access to our programs, while inclusion initiatives continued to grow across the department.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our Recreation & Parks staff, advisory boards, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners. Their passion, creativity, and commitment help make Perinton one of the premier recreation communities in New York State.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain focused on thoughtful improvements, innovative programming, and responsible stewardship of our resources. Whether you enjoy our parks, trails, events, programs, or facilities, thank you for making Recreation & Parks such an important part of our community.

We look forward to seeing you in our parks and programs throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Nutting'.

- Jeff Nutting, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks

SPONSORS & PARTNERS

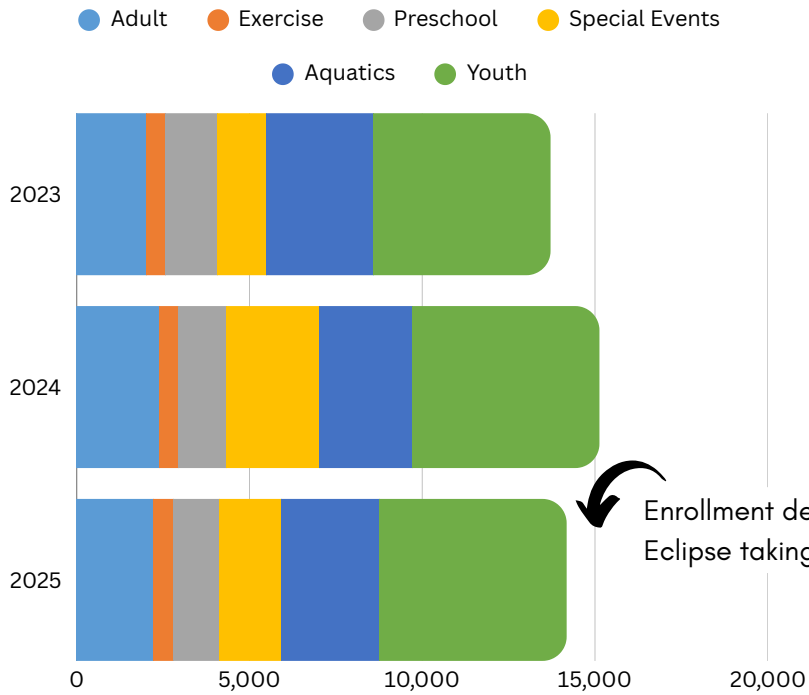
Public-private partnerships play a crucial role in the success and growth of recreation and park initiatives in the Town of Perinton. These collaborations between the Town, local businesses, and non-profit organizations help enhance the quality of life for residents by providing improved recreational facilities, diverse programming, and increased access to community resources. In 2025, the cumulative support for these efforts reached \$62,142, a testament to the strength of these partnerships and the commitment of the community.

TOTAL SUPPORT: \$62,142



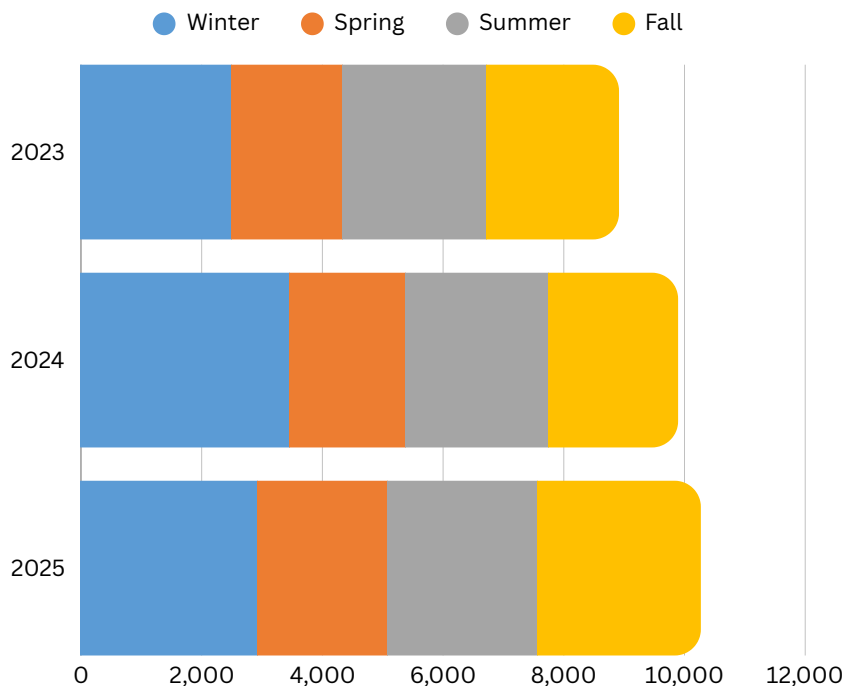
2025 ENROLLMENT

Total Program Enrollment

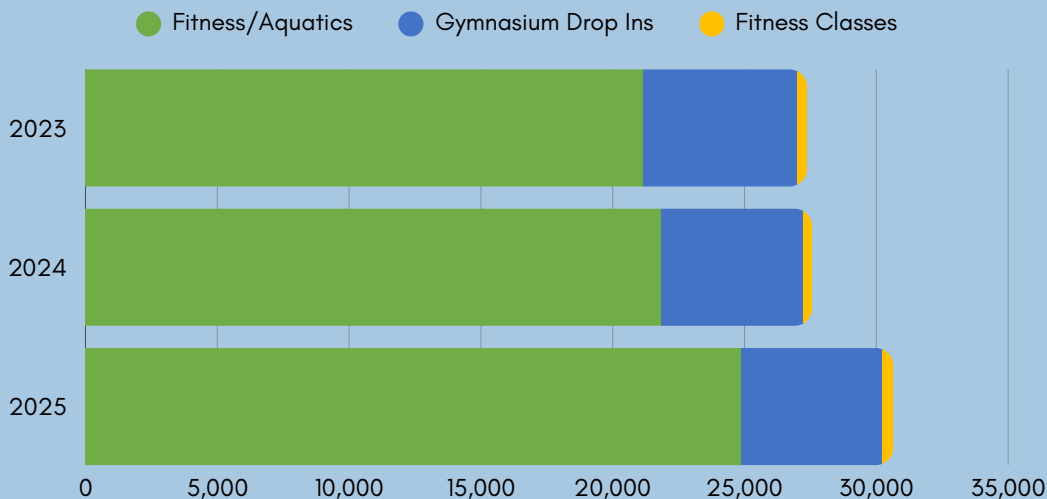
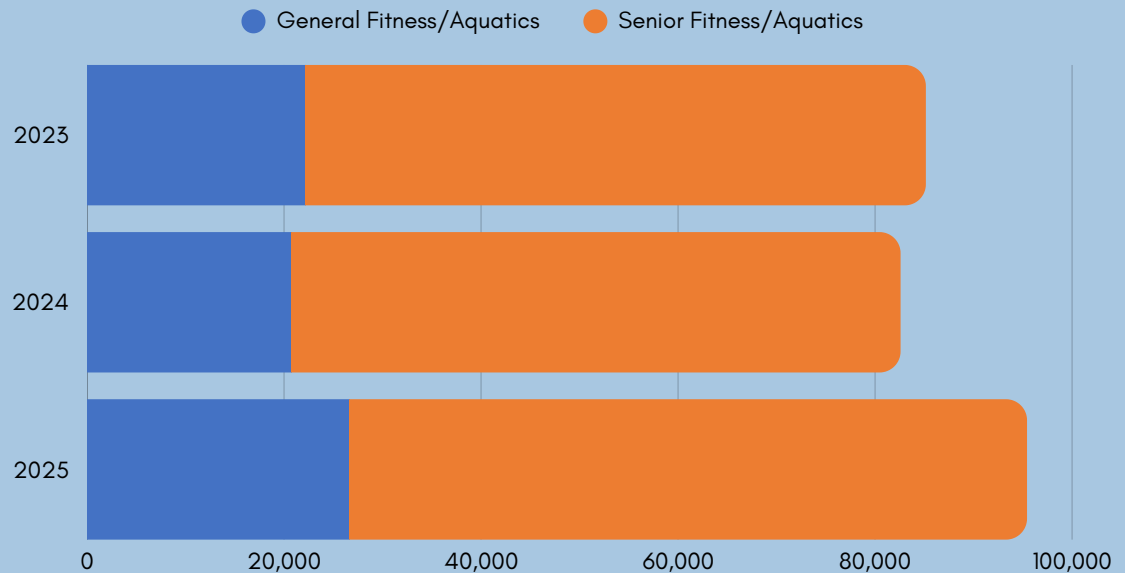
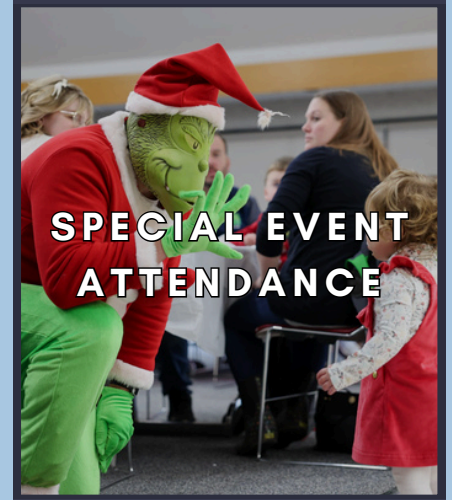
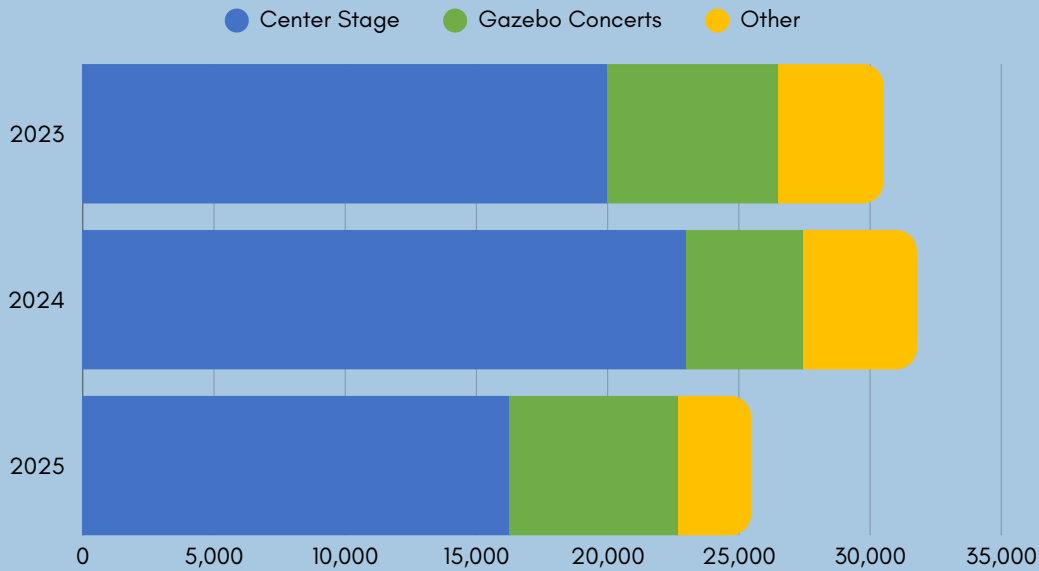


Enrollment decline led by Solar Eclipse taking place in 2024

Unique Enrollment by Season



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



SPECIAL EVENTS

January



Noon Year's Eve Pool Party

February



Perinton Pizza Poll

March



Blarney Bingo

April



Egg Hunts & Mr. E Bunny

May



Mighty Machine Mania

June



Fishing Derby

July



Center Stage Concerts

August



Youth Triathlon

September



Outdoor Movie Night

October



Halloween Parade

November



Turkey Jam

December



Visit with the Grinch

**FREE
or \$5**

Perinton's "Free or Five" initiative was created to make community events more accessible and affordable for families, offering a wide range of programs at either no cost or just \$5. By lowering financial barriers, the Town has made it easier for residents to participate, connect, and enjoy local events together.

The impact has been significant. Popular events have seen dramatic increases in participation, with some programs growing by 300-400%. More families are attending, new residents are getting involved, and community spaces are more active than ever.

The program's success has been made possible through strong partnerships, sponsorships, and revenue generated from larger events, allowing the Town to reinvest in experiences that directly benefit residents.

"Free or Five" reflects Perinton's ongoing commitment to supporting families and creating inclusive, welcoming opportunities for the entire community.

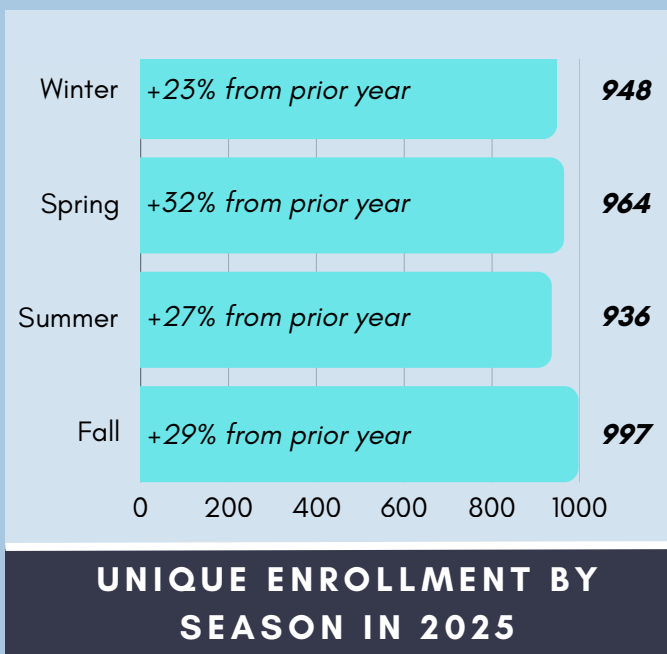
55+ PROGRAM

The Perinton 55+ program offers a vibrant array of activities for seniors in our community. From themed events like Irish Night and the Sweetheart Dance to social gatherings like Jingle and Mingle, it continues to be a place to connect, stay active, and have fun. Programs include fitness, arts, games, tours, field trips, and a variety of opportunities for socializing. Additionally, our curbside lunch program provides nutritious and affordable meals that make it easy to stay engaged.

That engagement is growing. **In 2025, senior program participation increased by more than 20% over the previous year**, with strong growth seen across every season. More residents than ever are taking part in 55+ offerings, reflecting both the demand for and the impact of these programs.

Of course, a special thank you goes to our dedicated volunteers, whose time and energy play a vital role in the program's continued success. At the Perinton Community Center, individuals of all ages and skill levels can find something to enjoy, whether it is working out, playing pickleball, taking an art class, or spending time with friends in the 55+ Community Room enjoying games like bingo, mah jongg, euchre, and bunco.

The Perinton 55+ program is a reflection of our commitment to supporting an active, connected, and inclusive community where residents can thrive at every stage of life.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Irish Night

Concerts

Mingle & Jingle

Pickleball

55+ Historical Walk

Guided Hikes

Sweetheart Dance

Trips to Festivals & Museums

Art Classes

Tech Seminars

Card & Board Games

Lunch & Learns

CAPITAL PROJECTS



Center Park West Playground Replacement | Cost: \$590,340

Perinton has opened a new, music-themed playground at Center Park West, replacing a 23-year-old structure with a modern, inclusive space for children of all abilities. Located near the Community Center and Amphitheater, the playground features accessible, interactive elements and reflects the Town's continued investment in revitalizing parks and enhancing community spaces.



Fellows Road Park Parking Lot and Drainage | Cost: \$1,243,028

Work is underway on a \$1.5 million improvement project at Fellows Road Park, enhancing drainage, field conditions, and overall park infrastructure. Upgrades include stormwater improvements, new field drainage, parking lot replacement, EV charging stations, and added pedestrian safety features.



Howell Road Disc Golf | Cost: \$22,210

The Town of Perinton is partnering with Greater Rochester Disc Golf Club to develop a new disc golf course at Howell Road Park. Designed for players of all ages and abilities, the course will prioritize safety, accessibility, and environmental preservation while making use of the park's natural terrain.



Spring Lake Park Parking Lot | Cost: \$16,026

The Spring Lake Park parking lot was improved in coordination with the Town of Perinton Department of Public Works, enhancing accessibility, safety, and the overall visitor experience.



Potter Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation | Cost: \$41,143 / Funded by ARPA Grant Dollars

Renovations were completed at Potter Park's tennis courts, including resurfacing, repairs, and fresh paint to extend their lifespan and enhance play. The improvements ensure the courts remain a high-quality space for pickleball and basketball, supporting continued recreational use in the community.



Potter Park Community Garden Fencing | Cost: \$21,526 / Funded by ARPA Grant Dollars

A new fence was installed at the Perinton Community Garden to protect plants from deer and other wildlife, supporting healthier growth and more successful harvests. The garden continues to thrive as a hub for sustainability, pollinator support, and local food production, including its Seed Saving Program, which has shared thousands of seeds with the community.



Aquatic Center LED Light Conversion | \$212,268 / Partially Funded by IEEP Grant

The Perinton Aquatic Center completed an LED lighting conversion to improve energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, and enhance the overall experience for visitors. Partially funded through an IEEP grant, this project supports the Town's commitment to sustainable, cost-effective facility improvements.



Perinton Community Center Weight Room Renovation | \$9,997

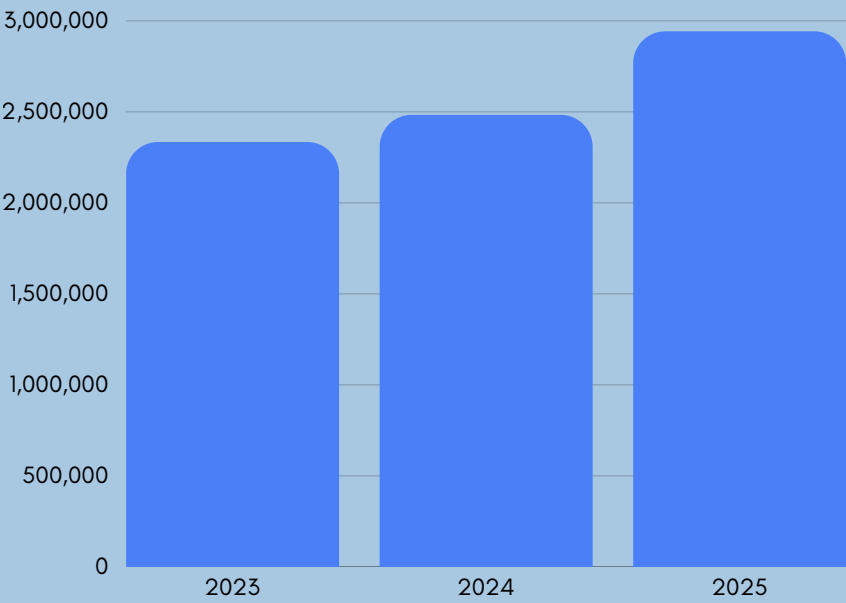
The Perinton Community Center Weight Room has been fully renovated with energy-efficient lighting, updated flooring, and a fresh, modern design. This upgrade enhances the fitness experience for residents and reflects the Town's continued investment in health, wellness, and high-quality community facilities.



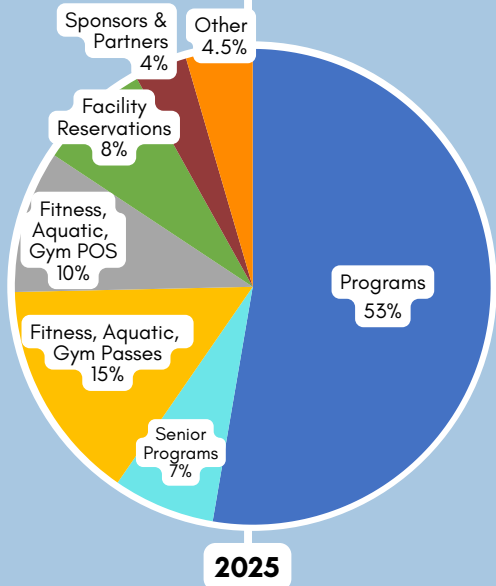
2025 Equipment Purchases | Total: \$318,705

The Town invested \$318,705 in 2025 toward new vehicles, grounds and maintenance equipment, and facility upgrades, along with enhancements to the Community Center fitness area, including a full strength circuit replacement and additional cardio equipment.

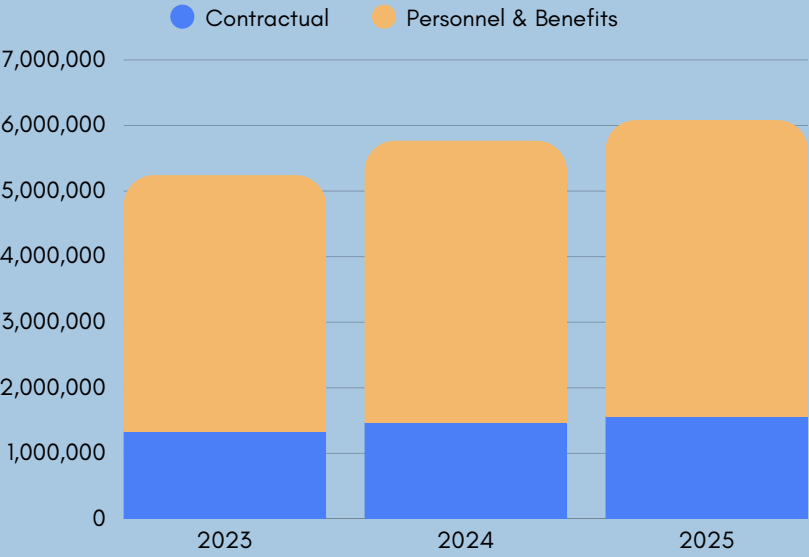
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



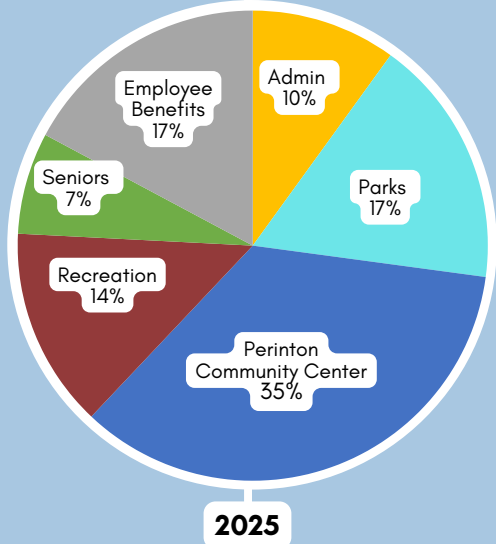
TOTAL REVENUE (NON-TAX)



2025



OPERATING EXPENSES BY SOURCE



2025

Top Takeaways:

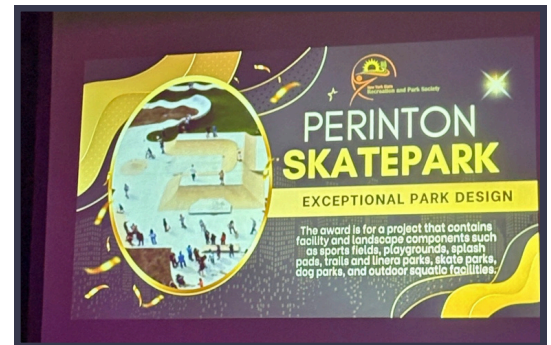
- ✓ Overall revenue increased by 18.5% in 2025, reflecting expanded program offerings and strong community participation.
- ✓ Key growth areas included Fitness/Aquatics passes (+55%), Senior Programs (+32%), and continued gains in core program revenue, highlighting increased demand across all age groups.
- ✓ This growth helped offset a 5.5% increase in operating expenses, allowing the Town to expand programming and enhance services without relying on increased tax dollars.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Awards: Perinton Park and Skatepark Project



The Town of Perinton continues to be recognized for excellence in parks and recreation design and community investment. In 2025, the Perinton Park and Skatepark project received the NYSRPS Exceptional Park Design Award and was named a Rochester Business Journal Top Project, highlighting the Town's commitment to high-quality amenities and thoughtful, community-focused design.



Staff Involvement

Perinton staff remain actively engaged in leadership roles at both the state and regional levels, helping to shape the future of parks and recreation.

- **Nick Berlin** serves as President of the New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS).
- **Jeff Nutting** contributes through the NYSRPS Public Policy Committee.
- **Sydney Steele** represents the region as a Member at Large with the Genesee Valley Recreation and Park Society (GVRPS).

These roles reflect the Town's commitment to professional leadership, collaboration, and continued excellence in service delivery.



Nick Berlin

Recreation Director



Jeff Nutting

Recreation & Parks Commissioner



Sydney Steele

Recreation Supervisor

SPOTLIGHT ON INCLUSION

The Town of Perinton continues to prioritize creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to participate, connect, and thrive. In 2025, Recreation & Parks expanded efforts to enhance accessibility, remove barriers, and ensure programs and spaces are welcoming to all.



Expanding Access

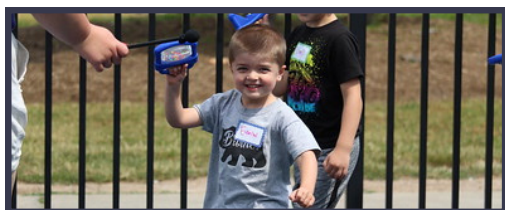
Through scholarships, partnerships, and flexible payment options, more residents were able to participate in programs regardless of financial barriers. In 2025, 34 scholarships were awarded totaling over \$12,000, with additional support provided through community partners and grant funding. The Friends of Perinton Recreation & Parks played an active role in raising funds to support these scholarships and expand access to programs and activities for local families.



Inclusive Programs & Spaces

A wide range of inclusive offerings continued to grow, including adaptive sports, specialized fitness programs, and social opportunities designed for individuals of all abilities. Highlights included wheelchair tennis, sensory-friendly events, inclusive run clubs, and the addition of communication tools and accessibility features at the Perinton Community Center.

The opening of a new accessible playground at Center Park West further reinforces the Town's commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to play and belong.



Building Skills & Opportunities

In partnership with local organizations, the Town supported work-based learning and volunteer opportunities for individuals with disabilities, helping to build skills, confidence, and independence through hands-on experience in a supportive environment.

Looking Ahead

Efforts to advance inclusion will continue in 2026 with new initiatives such as adaptive open swim programming and the creation of a music-themed sensory room funded through an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.



Perinton's approach to inclusion is ongoing—focused on expanding access, enhancing experiences, and ensuring every resident feels welcome in our programs and spaces.

NEW INITIATIVES

Lion's Den Rental Opportunities



The newly renovated Lion's Den at Potter Park, 53 West Church Street, Fairport, is now available for private rentals, offering a versatile space for meetings, celebrations, and small gatherings.

Featuring modern amenities within a historic setting, this updated facility expands opportunities for residents to host events in one of Perinton's most popular parks.

Canal Bicentennial Celebration



The Town of Perinton, Village of Fairport and Fairport Perinton Partnership co-hosted a stop of the Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration, welcoming the historic Seneca Chief replica and a visiting flotilla to the community. The multi-day event drew thousands of attendees and featured family activities, live music, and free boat tours, celebrating 200 years of the Erie Canal and its lasting impact on the region.

Free or \$5 Events



Our "Free or \$5" initiative makes community events more accessible, offering a wide range of programs at no cost or for just \$5.

Supported by partnerships and event revenue, this effort helps reduce financial barriers while expanding opportunities for families to enjoy popular events, summer camp, and recreation programs.

2026 PREVIEW



Center Park West Playground, Phase 2

We are planning a second phase of improvements at Center Park West, building on the new music-themed playground with the addition of swings based on community feedback. This next phase will expand inclusive play opportunities and continue the Town's investment in modern, accessible park spaces for families.



Addition of Sensory Room at the Perinton Community Center

A sensory room will be added at the Perinton Community Center, creating a welcoming, inclusive space to support individuals with sensory needs. The room will serve after-school programs, summer camps, and other Recreation & Parks offerings, while also providing opportunities for drop-in use.



Renovation of Community Center/Town Hall Sidewalk and Landscape

Renovations are planned for the Town Hall and Perinton Community Center entrance, including new sidewalks, updated landscaping, and improved accessibility. This project will replace aging infrastructure, enhance safety and functionality, and create a more welcoming and ADA-compliant entrance for visitors.



Perinton Park Courts

Court improvements are planned for Perinton Park, including resurfacing the tennis courts and potential reconfiguration to meet the growing recreational demand of pickleball. As part of this upcoming project, the Town will seek community input to help guide decisions, ensuring the space reflects the needs and interests of residents.



Installation of AEDs in Parks

AEDs will be installed at several high-use parks throughout the Town to enhance public safety and strengthen emergency response capabilities. The addition of these life-saving devices will help improve preparedness and provide quicker access to emergency care for residents and visitors using Town parks and recreation facilities.



Registration Program Software Upgrade

A new recreation programming and registration software platform will be implemented to improve the user experience for residents and streamline operations for staff. The updated system will provide enhanced online registration tools, improved mobile accessibility, digital membership passes, and more efficient program and facility management capabilities for Recreation & Parks services.

