

## Hi! I am Karin Ernst, candidate for re-election. I would appreciate your vote for Rec & Park Commission on June 20th.

I have been lucky enough to be on the Recreation & Park Commission for the last two years. Our job is to set policy and do our best to listen, understand and balance the needs of the individual and the needs of the Town.



This past year I have taken the lead on two initiatives. The first is the partnership between the Recreation & Park Department and Sustainable Marblehead called Marblehead Landscape. It's a way to recognize or remember a loved one by way of beautiful landscaping on recreation & Park properties. Our first project was at Chandler Hovey Park. A generous donation was received from the Hannaway family. Larry Simpson, Essex Tech students, Pal Bickford from Sustainable Marblehead and I spent two days beautifying that entrance with the support from the Recreation & Park Department. Please check out the site [www.mhdlandscape.org](http://www.mhdlandscape.org).

The other initiative I am focused on is working with the Commission, School, Pickleball and the neighbors of Veterans Middle School on sound mitigation around the pickleball courts. We are hoping for a donation from a very generous individual or individuals of around \$5600 to purchase arborvitaes.

Our Department, under the direction of Peter James, work on all school grounds, parks, cemeteries (except Waterside) and public buildings. All athletic field maintenance is also done by our department. So that is a lot of green space to cover. We are also responsible for numerous beaches and are the stewards of the Judy & Gene Jacobi Community Center.

The Recreation Department increased public participation last year and even had an increase in participation during the pandemic. The staff, under the direction of Jaime Bloch, work hard to provide something for everyone. There are a ton of offerings for you, your family, and friends. The Recreation staff are an impressive group to watch because they are so passionate about the job they do.

I am so happy to be able to support this department as we work to support the Marblehead community. I would like to ask you to vote for me, **Karin Ernst for the Recreation & Park Commission**. Please and thank you very much.

