

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Announces Public Input Session on Recreation Fields

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PORTSMOUTH – The City of Portsmouth Recreation Board has scheduled the second Community Input Session on Recreation Fields for the Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study. The Community Input Session will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library. Mark Rosenshein, lead project manager for The Architectural Team, will be the facilitator for the December 16th input session.

In June, a community input session on all of the City's Recreation facilities and programs was held. At this input session, the needs assessment findings will be presented for the portion of the study related to outdoor recreation fields. The community will be invited to ask questions and comment. All members of the community, particularly those with an interest in outdoor recreation field space, are invited and encouraged to attend. Additional information about the study is available on the City's website www.cityofportsmouth.com by clicking on *Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study*; public comments can also be made electronically on this site.

The community input session is being conducted as part of the Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study initiated by the City earlier this year to assist in planning for future recreation building, field and program needs. The City selected The Architectural Team of Chelsea, Massachusetts to carry out the Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study under the direction of the Recreation Board and City staff. The Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study includes a review of existing recreation facility conditions, which will encompass fields and buildings as well as recreation programming; extensive public input; and a needs assessment that identifies future recreation facility and program needs. Also part of the study team are Ballard*King and Associates (recreational planner), Water Technology (aquatics infrastructure), Copley Wolf Design Group (parks and recreation landscape architecture) and Barker-Seacat Architecture (recreational architecture).

A future public information meeting will be held related to indoor facilities and pools.