## Westchester County Parks

## Dear Residents:

Here at Westchester County Parks, it is our mission to create life-enriching experiences at safe, clean, affordable parks and preserve our natural resources through responsible leadership.

Throughout the year, we host hundreds of sports, entertainment, educational and community events on our more than 18,000 acres of parkland, which include more than 50 great facilities ranging from golf courses, pools and beaches, parks, to trail ways and nature centers. We even have an amusement park, a working farm, historic sites, an arboretum complete with a conservatory, and the Westchester County Center, the county's best known and largest event and entertainment space.

We think our parks system is one of the best in the country, and so does the prestigious National Recreation and Parks Association, which has awarded us with national accreditation three times. In fact, we are the only accredited park system in New York State.

If you're new to our great park system, take some time to check out this website to see all that is available to you and your family. And don't forget many of our parks are open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

As I tour our parks and facilities, I feel proud that we have remained true to the tradition that was begun in 1922 by our visionary predecessors to provide the best parks, recreation facilities, programs and services, while maintaining stewardship for our parkland and protecting its natural resources for the people of Westchester County.

I think we do a great job and hope you do, too! Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner

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