

# Chapter 171

## Parks and Recreation

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### §171-1 **Legislative intent.**

It is the intent of this Chapter to protect the rights of all residents of the Town of LaGrange so as to enjoy to the fullest extent possible parks and recreation areas located within the Town of LaGrange.

### §171-2 **Designation of Parks and Recreation Areas.**

The Town of LaGrange hereby establishes the following Town owned properties as official park and recreation areas of the Town of LaGrange:

1. Freedom Park
2. LaGrange Park
3. MacGhee Park
4. Overlook Park
5. Red Oaks Farm Park (future development site)
6. Stringham Park

### §171-3 **General Park Rules and Regulations Applicable to All Parks and Recreation Areas.**

The following rules and regulations shall apply to all parks and recreation areas in the Town:

- A. Town parks and recreation areas shall be opened for public use between sunrise and sunset unless other open hours are posted at any park.
- B. Groups, organizations and individuals using the parks and/or facilities will comply with the laws of the State of New York and the Town of LaGrange, and with this chapter.
- C. No loud or excessive noises will take place that will disturb other users of the park or park neighbors.
- D. No person shall cut, deface, injure, remove or disturb any tree, shrub, building, fence, bench or any other structure, apparatus or property; or pick, cut or remove any shrub, brush or flower; or mark or write upon any building, fence, bench, signs or other structures.

- E. No profane or abusive language shall be used in any Town park.
- F. No persons shall sell or offer for sale any goods unless a permit to do so has been issued by the Recreation Department.
- G. No persons shall paste, post, paint, print, nail or attach or affix by any means whatsoever any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon any curb, gutter, flagstone, tree, lamppost, public utility pole, public garbage bin, bus shelter, bridge, fence, barrel, box, traffic control device, traffic stanchion, traffic sign (including pole), tree box, tree pit protection device, bench, traffic barrier, hydrant, or upon the ground, however, that this section shall not apply to any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material so posted by or under the direction of the Town Board, or by or under the direction of any Town Department, or pursuant to a franchise, concession or revocable consent granted by the Town Board.
- H. As a participant in a LaGrange Parks and Recreation program/event or when using one of its public parks or facilities, you may be photographed or videotaped by LaGrange Parks and Recreation or its assigns and transferees. Through your participation you are granting permission to LaGrange Parks and Recreation to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically with or without your name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, publicity, illustrations, advertising, program guides, brochures, newsletters, email, websites, social media, news releases or other promotional materials.
- I. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in the park area except during activities sponsored by the Town that permit alcoholic beverages, or with a pavilion rental where alcohol has been permitted through appropriate permitting process.
- J. No smoking or vaping in any park or recreation area.
- K. Betting or gambling of any type is prohibited.
- L. No person in a park shall operate a metal detector. Drones may only be used at town sponsored functions as part of town approved event coverage, or for pre-arranged and permitted training purposes.
- M. Pets are not permitted in any town park or recreation area unless the program being offered specifies that pets are welcome. Service dogs exempt.
- N. Baseball will be permitted only on diamonds set aside for this activity.
- O. Hitting golf balls is prohibited, except in designated program areas.
- P. No persons shall erect any recreation or play equipment in any park unless a written permit to do so has been issued by the Town.

- Q. All fires, including those in grills, fire pits and fireplaces, are prohibited except for fires in grills, fire pits and fireplaces provided by the Town for that purpose in a Park Facility. Propane grills are not allowed unless by special permit for a fundraising event only.
- R. The possession, ignition or discharge of fireworks is prohibited.
- S. No camping without a written permit from the Town.
- T. No firearms, air guns, bows and arrows or any dangerous weapons are permitted, except for an archery program associated with a town sponsored function.
- U. No hunting or trapping.
- V. Throwing or leaving refuse in or on a Town park, other than in receptacles there provided for trash, is prohibited.
- W. No unlicensed motorized vehicles, including motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, minibikes, all-terrain vehicles, etc., shall be operated or parked in a Town park area outside designated roadways or designated parking areas. Licensed motor vehicles are only permitted on drives and parking areas.
- X. No vehicles shall be operated in a Town park at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.
- Y. No overnight parking of motor vehicles in any park area.
- Z. Privately owned boats, rafts or other artificial means of support on water shall be only allowed entry upon waters in designated areas.
- AA. No swimming except in designated areas. All bathing beach and health department rules apply.
- BB.No persons shall enter upon any ice in any park.
- CC.No entertainment or exhibition of any kind shall be given without a written permit from the Town.
- DD. No person shall throw stones or other projectiles.
- EE. No persons shall ride a horse or pony in any park.

**§171-4 Closing of parks.**

The Recreation Director, Supervisor and Town Board may close the park facilities whenever, in

their judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of health or safety of persons entitled to use such facilities.

**§171-5 Regulations for Specific Parks.**

Notwithstanding §171-3 above, the following rules and regulations specific to certain parks shall be applicable. If the rule or regulation contained herein shall conflict with §171-3 above, this section shall control:

A. Freedom Park

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**§171-6 Park Rental regulation.**

Any request for the use of a Park and Recreation Area shall be made pursuant to the following Regulations:

A. Request for use of Park and Recreation facilities opens January of each year and bookings are available for that calendar year only. Event bookings may be reserved no later than two (2) weeks prior to the intended date of use. All event bookings are subject to approval of the Recreation Director.

B. Persons wishing to reserve Town facilities for specific use shall first apply at the Parks and Recreation Office or online on the approved application form with all requisite documentation. Applications shall be approved or denied by the Recreation Director. Denial of use may be appealed to the Town Board.

C. The Recreation Director may set reasonable conditions upon any approval to use a Town Facility.

D. The fee for use of certain Town Facilities shall be set by separate Resolution of the Town Board which may be amended from time to time.

E. Adult supervision is required for any activity involving persons less than 18 years of age. There shall be a minimum of one adult per each 10 persons less than 18 years of age.

F. All organizations, private parties in excess of 200 people, private parties in excess of 200 people serving alcohol, or any public program or trail use, must provide the following documentation to the Recreation Director upon application:

(1) A current valid certificate of insurance naming the Town of LaGrange, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, NY, 12540, as additional insured for the date(s) applied.

(2) Comprehensive general liability limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate.

(3) Request shall not be processed unless all requisite documentation is provided at time of application.

G. Persons applying for use of Town lands must provide a signed hold harmless agreement.

H. Food trucks are permitted with health department permit and COI naming town as additional insured. These must be submitted with application.

I. Set up and tear down must occur within the permit period. Permit holder must coordinate set up and tear down plans with the Recreation Office at least 7 days prior to the event date. Permit Holder must have a representative on site at all times while event set up and tear down takes place. No equipment may be left unattended in the park outside of the hours specified on the permit as the permit period. Inflatable amusements are only allowed with group/non-profit community events. Amusement companies must provide COI naming town as additional insured as outlined by Recreation Director. Petting zoos, pony rides, animal entertainers are not allowed at private party rentals.

J. Any publicly advertised event requires a permit. Conditional approval is required prior to advertising or publicizing any activity or event. The use of Town of LaGrange branding and logo on any materials is strictly prohibited. Reference to Town of LaGrange Parks can only be made in reference to the location of a permitted event. Event materials must contain our approved disclaimer language and be approved by the Recreation Director before distribution. No advertising should infer that the event has been produced or sponsored by the Town of LaGrange.

K. The Recreation Director or his/her designees shall have the responsibility to resolve all scheduling conflicts involving the use of park facilities.

L. The facility must be returned to its original condition: all tables must be returned, decorations removed, doors closed and secured, BBQ pit extinguished, garbage taken to dumpster on site.

#### §171-7 **Penalties for offenses.**

Any person committing an offense against any provision of this chapter, or any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto, shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine in an amount of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day that a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall continue, it shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense hereunder.

#### § 171-8 **Enforcement.**

This chapter may be enforced by any police agency having jurisdiction within the Town of LaGrange.

§171-9 **Posting.**

- A. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at the regular entrances to Town Parks to provide notice of the park hours and other restrictions established by this Chapter. The failure to post signs, or the failure to include the prohibited conduct on the sign shall not be a defense against a violation of this Chapter and proof of posting a sign shall not be required to establish a violation of this Chapter.
- B. A person who enters or remains within a park after regular hours shall be deemed to have “entered or remained unlawfully” in the park and may be prosecuted in accordance with Article 140 of the Penal Law for Burglary and related offenses.