

On the Town with Bob...

Looking for some summer fun? The Billerica Recreation Department has some super recreation options. The Lampson Recreation Complex, on Campbell Road off Concord Road, has basketball courts, tennis courts, a children's playground and a quarter mile walking path. The Manning State Park, on Route 129 in North Billerica, has newly installed fitness equipment on a half mile trail through the woods. The water playground is fantastic for families with young children. There's even a large picnic area with grills (there's a \$3.00 parking fee). Vietnam Veterans Park, on Treble Cove Road in North Billerica, has seven miles of walking trails, a community garden, and a fishing platform. Micozzi Beach, on Middlesex Turnpike, is open to the public from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm with canoes available for rental, picnic tables, a children's playground as well as a sand volleyball court. There is a \$3.00 parking fee at the Beach.

Another favorite is the Tuesday evening **Annual Summer Concerts on the Common** sponsored by the Friends of Billerica Recreation, Inc. These **FREE** concerts start at 7:00 PM and are great fun for the whole family! Bring a picnic basket, blanket or lawn chair and your dancing shoes! The concerts run through the end of August.

There are many other activities available through the Recreation department such as full and half day youth Summer Camps, discounts on area theatre tickets, amusement parks, and sport events - you can easily check out what's available by going to the Town's website www.town.billerica.ma.us and clicking on "Departments" then clicking on "Recreation".

And we have our own Billerica Farmers Market! Open from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM each Monday afternoon through October 24th on the front lawn of the Billerica Council on Aging, at 25 Concord Road in Billerica Center. The market offers fresh local produce, fresh Massachusetts lobster, and other local delights!

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