

# The Roundtable

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## No Work and All Play

**N**ot quite. Tracy Willette, Director of the Bangor Parks and Recreation Department, described his enthusiasm at Thursday's meeting for the programs, staff and participants in the city's recreation offerings. **Dave Merritt** introduced Mr. Willette with his mantra, "Take a break and recreate."

His position does sound like a lot of fun. But the work involved - supervising a staff of twelve and about 100 volunteers, depending on the season; managing hiking trails; City Forest; pools; the Municipal Golf Course; Sawyer Arena; the waterfront- including the harbormaster - and a vigorous after-school program, leaves Mr. Willette, who joined the department in 1999, little time for play.

The rewards for people having fun in the city's recreational facilities provide him with satisfaction.



Tracy Willette



He spoke of improvements, including placement of 26 signs in City Forest to reduce phone calls like, "I am lost in the City Forest! Where am I?" Sections of the bog boardwalk are being replaced, and the Community Garden on Essex Street has grown from twenty beds in 2011 to 150 beds now. There is room for 50 more. To maintain a bed costs gardeners \$25 per season.

A look at the Parks and Recreation facilities and activities

**(<http://www.bangorparksandrec.com/info/facilities>)** shows the treasure of recreational opportunities.

You can thank Tracy Willette and his staff for their hard work so we can play.

## Working in the meeting



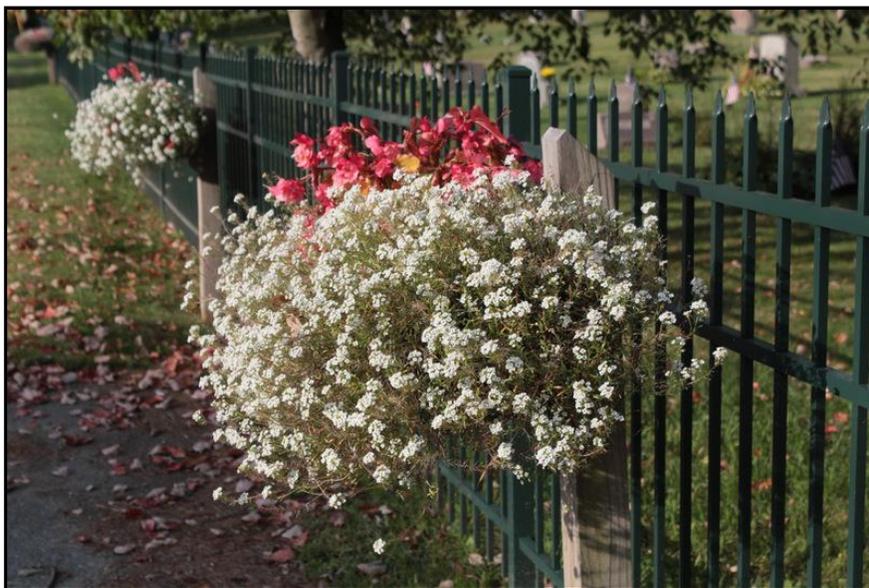
The Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast team needs our help. **Kendra Speed** emphasized publicizing the change of venue (Jeff's Catering, NOT Brewer Auditorium). Using social media and other avenues will help. **Paul Miragliuolo** is working on ad sales for the placemats. He needs solicitation help in the form of members taking 2-3 names of people who advertised last year and asking them to do the same for this year's event.

The renamed "Toys for Tots Gala" has just two auction items so far. Chairman **Kristy Kimball** said we need sponsors. **David Wheaton** will provide a list of last year's sponsors and, like the Pancake Breakfast ad strategy, contact them for a "re-up."

**David Zelz** noted that the Scottish-born singer/songwriter Donovan is a polio survivor and a member of Rotary. The Purple Pinkie project is scheduled for Friday, October 13 at several area sites. **President Doug Townsend** said volunteers are needed for the sites. This is also the same date as the Bangor Noon Rotary Club's Centennial Program at the Cross Center. Doug said also that the District meeting is in St. George on October 38. He plans to fly and can take a couple of people. If the weather prevents flying, enjoy a four-hour drive, longer if you want to come home.

**Dave Merritt** grieves the death of his dog. Paul fined **June Kontio** for radio ads in which she is heard. Without even breathing hard, **Ken Kimball** did another bicycle marathon in which the route rose to about 6,000 feet.

*Les Myers- October 5, 2017*



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Paul and pen pal