

## Town Administrator

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**From:** Brian LaClair <brianlaclair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** cecil@gmavt.net  
**Cc:** pcoffey@gmavt.net; Bristol Town Administrator; Recreation Director; Bristol Recreation  
**Subject:** Re: Hub Summer Reflection

A slight correction on this, Cecil...

I mentioned this in the post on our website but not in my response to you. Since it is not yet August 31st, the data for this summer is incomplete.

Data collection represented in this report is accurate for Friday, June 1st to Friday, August 24th, meaning 61 weekdays.

In addition to that, we were closed on the following weekdays this summer:

- June 25th and June 26th (Monday and Tuesday to accommodate interviews for the Recreation Assistant position)
- July 4th
- July 20th, July 23rd, July 26th, and July 27th (I was away on vacation while we were phasing in the new recreation assistant who splits his time between the Recreation Department offices and the Hub. As such, we were only open for two days during the week I was away)
- August 17th (for our 20th birthday celebration)

This brings us to 54 days in operation during the reporting period and an average of 10.25 per day. While not much more significant, I'll make sure to start including this info and calculate the average in the reports going forward.

As addressed in this report, yes, participation is higher during the school year. Since a lot of the youth utilizing the space do not have reliable transportation (whether it be due to their age or their income level), the Hub is much more accessible after leaving a day of school at Mt. Abraham UHS.

Taking a look at a similar range during the school year...

Between March 1st and May 31st, 2018 we were in operation 63 days. Youth accessed the space a total of 942 times, meaning an average approximate 15 per day.

Our highest attended day within this range was with 41 youth logging in, our lowest recorded day was 4 during a school vacation. It's also worth noting that higher attendance usually occurs when we have consistent programming available (guest speakers from the community, movie nights, field trips, etc).

At the beginning of this year, I became the interim director of the space and the only employee working at the Hub from January until the beginning of this month. This made organizing, scheduling, and facilitating special events incredibly challenging.

As we go into this new school year, we're much better equipped staffing-wise to attract and retain a larger audience of teens via compelling programs outside of only being a space for them to drop-in.

Finally, you'll also note that in my report I recommend changing how the Hub is used during the summer. I listed out some options that, in a perfect world, would all be implemented as part of a larger change in Recreation Department offerings during the summer to maximize the potential of our space and increase revenue generated by the space. In line with that, we're going to be using the Hub building regularly for some paid adult programming before noon and after 6pm during this school year.

All of this plays into the possibility we're exploring regarding a new recreation department building which would combine the recreation offices, the teen center, and the pottery studio into one space. Above more efficient staffing,

this could give us the chance to make our spaces more accessible to a wider variety of community members and open us up to additional revenue opportunities.

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On Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 10:23 PM Cecil <[cecil@gmavt.net](mailto:cecil@gmavt.net)> wrote:

Thank you. So the 554 attendees were over 66 days during that period which comes out to an average approximately 9 per day. Is the participation historically higher during the school year?

Sent from my iPad

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On Aug 28, 2018, at 9:32 PM, Brian LaClair <[brianlaclair@gmail.com](mailto:brianlaclair@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Cecil, I'm glad I could include you and keep you in the loop - I apologize for not responding earlier today, we're gearing up for the start of the school year tomorrow!  
To answer your questions:

Currently the Hub is open five days a week (Monday through Friday) year-round. We're closed for school observed holidays, snow days, and dependent on staff's availability during school vacations. There are definitely a number of teens that would be ecstatic about us being open on weekends, but it doesn't make any sense based on how many youth we'd realistically be serving. The start and end date for the 554 attendance figure is June 1st through August 31st (per the email you sent to Valerie last week). Of course, the two previous years numbers that were mentioned are also from June 1st to August 31st in those years.

In addition to all of that, I don't think you and I have crossed paths before! I'm always available via email but I'd like to make sure you know that you can stop by at the teen center if it's ever convenient for you!

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On Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 8:08 PM Cecil <[cecil@gmavt.net](mailto:cecil@gmavt.net)> wrote:

Thank you for including me on your mailing list. I very much like your web site format. I found it easy to read and informative. I have a few questions.

During the summer, is the Hub open 5 days or 7 days per week?

If it is open on weekends, who supervises it on the weekends?

What is the start date and date of the period for the 554 attendance figures?

Sent from my iPad

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On Aug 27, 2018, at 4:41 PM, Brian LaClair <[brianlaclair@gmail.com](mailto:brianlaclair@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

A Hub update / reflection on the Summer (and a look forward) is now available on our website.

Direct link to the post: <http://bristol skate park.com/hub-summer-reflection/>

My hope in sharing these on the website is that they will be much more accessible to community members who are interested in these reports. Of course, you'll keep receiving emails when a new post is made with a link to that post for easy access.

In addition, in the past I had been setting aside personal / unpaid time to make these reports happen. I will now be filing these reports on Monday's with time during my workday set aside to create them.

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