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Taking to the stage

Southington students Lydia Gambacini and Brian Tomasco took the stage as Sarah Brown and Sky Masterson in Mooreland Hill School's recent production of "Guys & Dolls."

Parks: New one in works?

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explored at this first meeting.

Assistant Parks Superintendent Michael Manware discussed the pressure on his department. His staff of nine employees not only has to deal with the "big three" – Memorial, Panthorn and Recreation Parks, but also newer recreation areas like the second phase of Rails to Trails and the pavilion at the Drive-In site.

He said the department's responsibilities had increased, but not its manpower.

"We have established a high standard and we would like to keep that," Manware said.

Recreation Director David Lapreay spoke

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David Lapreay,
Recreation Director

about another persistent issue – the increasing needs of the numerous

popular youth sports leagues in Southington.

"A lot of these [sports seasons] are overlapping now and we have an issue with field space," he said.

The committee plans to send a questionnaire to each of the youth leagues and invite them to a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for late January. It was noted that about 7,000 residents participate in the leagues and about 1,000 volunteers regularly devote their time to the league's activities.

"We have a lot of people involved with the parks and we want to make sure their concerns are met," Romano said.

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