



Monthly Department Report –2018

February Numbers at a Glance

Comparisons for time period of 7/1/17 – 3/13/18 vs. 7/1/16 –3/13/17:

Total Registrations:	1114	707
Total First Time Registrations:	502	446
Activities Running:	129	94
Total # of Transactions:	1286	879

Program Updates

Senior Trips/ Programs: We had to cancel one trip due to weather in February, but we did have 6 seniors go to Falmouth to join seniors in the neighboring communities for a comedy show. We do have limited enrollment for our winter trips, as many seniors are uncomfortable with the uncertainty of the weather, so we are increasing our offerings for the spring – fall months.

Youth Programs: Happy Hearts Creative Movement for pre-school kids currently is filled to capacity with 10 kids enjoying dance on Friday mornings; a new session will begin in April. The Lego program began again in February with 17 children in grades K-3 enjoying this after school enrichment program. Kiddie Gym continues to help parents beat the winter blues, with up to 60 different pre-school kids coming on Tuesdays or Thursdays. There were 11 pre-school children who joined us with an adult participant for our Seasonal Creations program on Valentine's Day. We had an Early Release Day Program for the middle school population with 15 kids scheduled to join us for a day of winter fun, but it was canceled due to a snow storm. We also offered a trip for grades K-5 to Seacoast Fun Park for a day of tubing with other area recreation departments, and we were filled to capacity of our vans with 22 youth participating in this activity.

Adult Programs: The Men's Basketball League continued its winter season, as did the Men's Tuesday and Thursday Open Gym program. We are also continuing to sell season passes for the Sunday morning Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball programs which run throughout the winter. Adult Pickleball currently takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Town Hall Gym, with 12 participants participating as a regular participant or as a drop-in.

Outdoor Programs: Snow shoes are available to be loaned out from the department, and we have sizes for youth, women and men. This program has been very popular this winter due to the snowy conditions, and many residents took advantage of this offering.

Special Events Update

We held our second “S'Mores and Skating Nights at Manchester Ice Rink on Friday, February 2nd, and despite very cold temperatures, we had approximately 40 people take part in this free family event. The department also held another very successful Father Daughter Dance in February, with 186 daughters (compared to 149 in 2017) attending with their “special someones”. Volunteers from St. Joseph’s College were on hand that night to help out with the festivities, and it was a great evening for all.

Facility Updates

RFQ’s for design work of Community Park were reviewed and Sevee and Maher was selected as the firm to assist with this project; Trails at Lippman, Lowell and Mountain Division are groomed for cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing; Ice rinks at both Lippman and Manchester Courts are being cleared and flooded for ice skating

Department Projects

Preparing to manage all Summerfest registrations through our department in order to assist the volunteer members of that committee; Initiating updates of department policies; Pulling together promotional materials for Dundee Park and Summer Camp

Staffing Levels

Year-Round Staff – 3 Full-time, 1 Part-time, 3 Per Diem – Van Driver/Programmer/Gym Supervisor

Trail/Maintenance Staff – 1 Full-time

Currently accepting applications for seasonal summer positions: Day Camp, Dundee Park, Summer Track Program

Organization/Town Meetings

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: The committee continues to seek ways to enhance our department offerings and increase recreational resources. Major goals continue to be development of Community Park, and advancement of the pre-development phase of the Community Center.

Be the Influence: I continue to participate with this committee and seek ways to provide quality programs that can help our youth feel valued.

Amazing Chase: This committee began meeting again in January to initiate plans for the 2018 event.

Monthly department staff meetings on Friday mornings

Future Event Dates

Mother Son Night – Friday, March 9, 2018

Early Release Day Event – March 7, 2018

April Vacation Week activities for both Elementary and Middle School populations