

**WINDHAM PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT  
August 2014**

**PROGRAM/FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Senior Trips** – We had our annual Director’s trip with seniors to Wildcat Mountain for a Gondola ride and lunch at Glen Junction restaurant on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 18 seniors that enjoyed this trip to northern New Hampshire.

**Programs** – Our Summer Day Camp Program ended on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 180 children registered for traditional summer day camp program. Many thanks to our staff and the staff at our school locations in making our summer camps a positive experience for all who attended. Our summer track program ended on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the state track meet which was hosted by Windham Parks and Recreation Department. We had over 35 teams with 900 children plus parents and friends who attended the state meet in Windham. It was a very successful day thanks to Philip Jackson our Windham Track Coach and Ron Kelly from Maine USATF. The participants celebrated the end of the season with a cookout at Dundee Park on August 17<sup>th</sup>. On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Parks and Recreation Department assisted with transportation for the Windham veteran’s trip to Maine Military Museum in South Portland. We provided the drivers and our bus and van for the day for this successful event for Windham’s veterans.

**Dundee Park** – The Dundee Park season ended on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a very successful season with a total of 15,535 visits for 2014. For month of August we had 4378 visits for an average of 146 per day. We had 10 days over 200 visits for month of August and September 1<sup>st</sup>. For the season we were only closed for two days because of rain and closed for part of the day 10 times due to rain. Our group visitors increased 4% this year. Many thanks to our park managers Mona Dodd who completed her 18<sup>th</sup> season at Dundee Park and Ron Faucher who completed his third season for their dedication to and caring attitude of Dundee Park. On August 27<sup>th</sup> we had our annual cookout and meeting with the Town Council and Dundee Park Advisory committee. It was a great summer evening with the cookout and an informative update on the summer season by Mona Dodd.

**DEPARTMENT PROJECTS**

**Department Outcomes-** One of our Department’s measurement outcomes was regarding the attendance at Dundee Park. This summer we had a total of 15,535 visits. Our measurement outcome was to have more then 15,585. Our attendance was better then the last two years, 2013-14,546 and 2012-14,870 but short by 50 for the year. We had 39 surveys completed at the park. Regarding the question “Do you plan on visiting the park again” all 39 marked yes. Regarding the question “Would you recommend Dundee Park to your friends” 38 out of 39 marked yes. This survey will form a base line for future season comparisons. Please see attached survey results.

Another Department measurement outcome was regarding our summer day camps. Our measurement outcome was to have more than 204 campers for the 2014 season. We had 180 campers registered for 2014 season. We made a change in 2014 to not offer our two day a week program and just offer a three day a week program and our five day a week program. Even though two of three camps were full for the season we had some room on Tuesdays and Thursdays which had an impact on our total numbers. We will be reevaluating our offering for the 2015 season in near future. Parents of our camp participants were surveyed the last two weeks of the camp season. We had 53 surveys for the three camp programs. Regarding the question "Would you send your child to Day Camp next summer" we had 52 out of 53 marked yes. Regarding the question "Would you recommend this program to your friends" we had 52 out of 53 marked yes. This survey will form a base line for future season comparisons. Please see attached survey results.

**Lippman Park Project-** The Maine Conservation Corp will be starting their work at Lippman Park on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Archaeological survey on the area by the boardwalk will be done in early September. Also in September we will be opening our story walk trail the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Windham Skate Park** – The Windham Skate Park was open the month of August. We had some graffiti writing on some of the ramps. Overall we have had no complaints from neighbors or police during the summer at the park. We also started some of the repairs to several ramps at the park and should be done by early September.

### **STAFFING LEVELS**

**Department all year staff - 4**

**Trail/Maintenance staff – 1**

**Day Camp Staff- 26**

**Dundee Park Staff- 9**

**Summer Track staff-6**

**Total for Month of August-46**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL/TOWN MEETING**

**Meetings held in August:** August 6<sup>th</sup> attended the Windham/Raymond Substance Abuse Task Force meeting, August 27<sup>th</sup> met with Lucas Tree Service on some future tree work at Dundee Park.

### **FUTURE EVENT DATES**

Lippman Park story walk opens week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pre School Outing Club starts September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Windham Great Bike, Walk, Paddle September 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>

And Run Weekend

Halloween Party October 24<sup>th</sup>

Tiny Tot's gym program starts end of October

