



Monthly Department Report – August, 2016

Program Updates

Discount Tickets: We completed our ticket sales program for the summer, and this was extremely popular, given that it was the first full season it was offered. We sold the following tickets:

Funtown Splashtown Combination tickets- 143

Splashtown only- 6

Water Country- 12

Aquaboggen- 47

York's Wild Kingdom- 43

Cranmore- 5

During the winter months, this same program that is sponsored by the Maine Recreation and Park Association will allow us to sell discount ski passes to some area mountains as well.

Senior Trips/ Programs: In August, we had two vans of seniors visit the Bartlett Yarns Mill followed by lunch at Governor's, and later that month we had a group head to Oxford Casino. Some folks were also transported to our final Summer Concert at Dundee Park provided by Rick Charette. Weekly shopping trips were held on each Wednesday as well. We continue to promote additional opportunities for some of the senior trips that neighboring communities are collaborating on, and this has resulted in a number of new participants taking advantage of our Senior Program.

Youth Programs: Our Summer Camp Program ended on August 12, and it was a successful summer. The addition of our Outdoor Recreation Coordinator as one of our regular seasonal staff members was most successful, as we were able to expose the campers to some great outdoor activities. We are taking registrations for the After

School Mad Science Program for children in Grades K-3, and will be offering a program later this Fall for Grades 4-5 at Manchester School.

Adult Programs: We began the registration process for the Men's Basketball League. We have also continued our partnership with the Adult Education Program in offering Line Dancing in our gym on Tuesday nights, as well as the Adult Exercise Program on weekday mornings.

Facility Updates

Donnabeth Lippman Park: Summer is a great time to enjoy all that Lippman Park has to offer, and the park is always teeming with activity. Work around the former Portland Water District pump house was completed, and both of the buildings near the pond were painted.

Skatepark: Most of the park repairs were completed on August 27 with a local contractor and his crew, with five new elements being constructed, and the remaining structures being removed. Additional materials were needed to be ordered, and the plan is to complete the park by mid-September.

Dundee Park: The park was extremely busy all summer, particularly due to the limited rain and consistently hot weather. There were five new picnic tables built this summer, and old tables were removed. We partnered with Sebago Trails Paddling Company this summer, and they loaned us a new canoe for the summer months. We also allowed them to come into the park after hours for a Moonlight Paddle that was held as a fundraiser for Feed the Need. The Summer Lunch Program ended at the park on August 24th, and the group will convene in September to assess the success of the program.

Lowell Preserve: New signage has been put up and additional markings have been painted in the section of trail closest to our adjacent landowner, since logging that was done in that vicinity created confusion for some trail users.

Department Projects

Installed two new work stations for the part-time Recreation Programmer and student intern, as we will be offering internship opportunities to both USM and SJC students

Staffing Levels

Year-Round Staff – 3 (Part-time Recreation Programmer Position posted in August)
Trail/Maintenance Staff – 1 Full-time; 1 seasonal part-time

Organization/Town Meetings

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: The committee continues to work on its two major goals 1: the skatepark rebuild project, along with the development of a multi-purpose park at that location so as to serve more types of users, and 2: research regarding the community's interest in future development of a community center. The on-line survey is still available for people to complete throughout the summer. The committee is also working on its plans for a Halloween Adventure on Saturday, October 29th.

The Amazing Chase: I participate in the Logistics sub-committee for this event, and the complete committee meets monthly. More information about this exciting event that will be held in the Sebago Lakes Region on Saturday, September 24, 2016 is available on the website: <http://sebagolakeschamber.com/ac/>

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

Monthly department staff meetings on Wednesday mornings

Future Event Dates

Dundee Park Closing Day - September 7th

Amazing Chase – September 24th

Halloween Adventure- Saturday, October 29th