

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

PROGRAM/FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Trips – On May 6th we had a senior trip to Limington to see the Icelandic Horses. The horses and dinner at Bay Haven was enjoyed by 16 seniors. On May 18th we had 18 seniors attend the play “You Can’t Take It With You” at the City Theater in Biddeford.

Programs – On May 17th we had our Red Cross Baby Sitting class which was held at the Windham Library. We had 8 participants in the class taught by Gail Platts. On May 31st we had our Family Day at Donnabeth Lippman Park. We had 30 -40 residents participate in one of the many activities at the park which included a fishing derby, a family scavenger hunt, kayaks to try on the pond and hot dogs for all who attended. Mr. Lippman also attended the event and was very pleased with the park improvements.

Our summer camp program registration continued through the month of May, our dead line for registration is June 2nd. We have a staff of 26 to operate our three day camps and eleven are new for this summer season. Our summer track program registration started in May. Our summer track program starts on June 16th.

In May we started a new program Family Outing Club which is a program designed for pre school age children and parents to meet outdoors and explore local nature areas. We have had two meeting in May with approximately 10 participants at each event.

Dundee Park – Dundee Park open on May 24th for the season for weekends and will open on a daily basis starting on June 16th. Mona Dodd, our Park Manger is returning for her 18th summer season at the park. Our other manager is Ron Faucher and this will be his third year as a park manager. We have eight lifeguards to round out the staff for our summer season. We are planning a family campout at Dundee Park on August 15th.

DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Lippman Park Project- Drew Corporation completed the improvements to Lippman Park on May 29th. The new entrance road and parking area make the park more accessible and appealing to potential users of the park. We also have been working with several Eagle Scout candidates on possible Eagle Scout projects at the park. We have received positive indication from the state office of Community Grants and Recreation that our grant for the board walks and bridges at the park. The work would start this fall once all the engineering and design work has been completed,

Windham Skate Park – The Windham Skate Park has been open for the month of May. We have a volunteer, Rob Mcfarlane, who has been assisting in the monitoring of the park and working with skaters to assist in keeping the park in proper working condition.

STAFFING LEVELS

Department all year staff - 4
Trail/Maintenance staff – 1

Total for Month of May- 5

ORGANIZATIONAL/TOWN MEETING

Meetings held in May: Wellness conference in Freeport on May 13th, meeting at Skate Park with Mr. Mcfarlane on May 16th, Summerfest meeting May 19th, Dundee Park meeting May 21st, Skate Park meeting with contractor on May 21st, meeting at Lippman Park on May 22nd, Dundee Park Advisory meeting on May 22nd, Girl Scout meeting on May 23rd, new camp staff meeting on May 29th.

FUTURE EVENT DATES

Summer Day Camp starts	June 23 rd
Summer Day Camp ends	August 8 th
Dundee Park Camp Out	August 15 th