



Monthly Department Report – September 2017

Program Updates

Senior Trips/ Programs: We had a very successful Mystery Lunch in which the seniors were “surprised” by lunch at the Peppermill Restaurant in Limerick followed by apple picking at Libby Orchards. This will become a quarterly event with a new mystery each time. There was also a trip to the Oxford Casino later in the month.

Youth Programs: With school back in session, it is time for us to begin offering a variety of enrichment programs for our youth. Mad Science will be offered at the Primary School beginning on October 3rd. Home Alone was offered to kids in Grades 4-6, and we filled that class to capacity with 12 youth.

Adult Programs: The Men’s Basketball League began its Fall Session on September 14th, and we had a 9th team join the league this year. Pickleball resumed in our gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Family Offerings: We have been working on our Winter Ski Program, which will include the Family Ski Program on Wednesday nights, the middle school and high school program on Friday nights, and the discounted Unlimited Night Season Pass, all of which will become available for registration in October or November.

Special Events Update

Summerfest: Together with the council, we will be working on establishing a charge for the committee to follow moving forward. The mission of this committee is to coordinate an annual event that honors and celebrates the rich history and people of the Town of Windham and fosters a sense of community.

Arts in the Park: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has listened to the requests of some community members, and has proposed an Arts in the Park Event to take place on Saturday, October 14th. This event will be held at the Town Hall Park from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and the department is working in partnership with Advisory Committee members to pull this event together.

Facility Updates

Donnabeth Lippman Park: The swing set installation took place in September, which is one more enhancement of this popular park.

Dundee Park: The park is closed for the season on September 4th.

Department Projects

Completed annual mandatory trainings for all year-round staff members

Staffing Levels

Year-Round Staff – 3 Full-time, 1 Part-time, 2 Per Diem Van Drivers

Trail/Maintenance Staff – 1 Full-time; 1 part-time seasonal

Organization/Town Meetings

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: The second major goal of the committee has been to continue research regarding the community's interest in future development of a community center. In June, the 7-member Ad Hoc Committee began working on this process, and has been meeting regularly throughout the summer. We are still awaiting official word from the federal government in order to establish an agreement with the Town and the State and proceed with the community park project being funded by LWCF. This agreement will likely be established in October with a project conclusion date of September, 2019.

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

Sebago Lake Chamber of Commerce - Amazing Chase: The 2nd Annual Amazing Chase was held on Saturday, September 16th and was very successful. This has been a very helpful way for me to connect with the business community and consequently engage them in some of the programs and events we offer.

Monthly department staff meetings on Friday mornings

Future Event Dates

Saturday, October 14 – Arts in the Park

Saturday, October 28 – Halloween Adventure

Sunday, November 26- Community Tree Lighting

Numbers at a Glance

Comparisons for time period of 7/1/17 – 10/12/17 vs. 7/1/16 – 10/12/17:

Total Registrations: 322 vs. 176

Total First Time Registrations: 100 vs. 91

Activities Running: 68 vs. 26

Total # of Transactions: 439 vs. 224