



Monthly Department Report – June 2017

Program Updates

Senior Trips/ Programs: Seniors traveled to Country Sunday in Litchfield to hear a number of country bands including the department's own Lynn Bucknell's band. Upcoming trips for the Summer include a Lunch Cruise on Casco Bay, the Tate House Museum, and the Owls Head Transportation Museum's Air Show in August.

Youth Programs: The Summer Track Program began in June, with 40 youth ages 5-14 participating in this program, which offers both instruction and competition with weekly track meets being held throughout Southern Maine. Youth Tennis Camp will be offered in July.

Adult Programs: Most adult programs are complete for the summer, but our group of men's league participants continues to have open gym once/week.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp began on Monday, June 26th. We have 89 6th – 8th graders in Adventure Camp, 99 3rd – 5th graders in Ranger Camp, 54 K-2nd graders in Discover Camp and 9 14 year old Senior Campers, for a total of 251 kids attending camp at some point this summer. There are 4 different enrollment options available, which is helpful for parents in being able to choose something that works best for them. Enrichment Programs being offered include Cycling, Paddling (kayaks and canoes), Swim Lessons at SJC, Video Production, an Adventure Bound trip for the oldest campers, and an overnight camping experience at Dundee for the oldest campers. Special events scheduled for the summer include a Mad Science Program provided in partnership with the Friends of the Windham Library, a Story Walk Trail opening at Lippman Park, also in conjunction with the library, and an all-camp picnic at Dundee Park during the last week of camp.

Family Offerings: Discount Tickets are available to be purchased in our office for Funtown/Splashtown, Aquaboggan and Yorks' Wild Animal Kingdom.

Special Events Update

Summerfest: Summerfest was held on Saturday, June 24th and was another great celebration for our community. The department continues to expand the ways in which it can support the work of this volunteer committee.

Summer Concert Series: All of the bands have been booked for the series, which will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. from July 12 – August 5. We have also secured 4 community organizations to manage the concessions at the concerts.

Find It Here Windham – Trails Edition: The first edition of the Find It Here photo scavenger hunt of outdoor experiences wrapped up on June 3rd. We had 14 families register to take part in it, with 2 top winners, and the photos are now displayed in the hallway outside of Council Chambers.

Facility Updates

Donnabeth Lippman Park: The swingset has been ordered, which will be one more enhancement of a very popular park. Much of the work on the maintenance building has been completed, but with the summer weather upon us, the park maintenance employees have moved outside to complete all that needs to be done at this time of the year.

Lowell Preserve: The new Park Ranger has been able to begin much of the work needed with signage and trail markers. Together with the intern in Assessing, additional GIS work has been accomplished in order to update the trail maps.

Dundee Park: The park was open for week-ends only until June 10th, at which time it opened for 7 days/week. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met there in June, and discussed a number of amenities and improvements that should be considered. Included in that is a new mascot for Dundee that is being developed – the Dundee Duck. The duck will be used on new signage throughout the park that will be a family-and- children friendly way to promote both the rules and the offerings at the park.

Department Projects

Continue work on updating trail maps to include new trails, as well as other trail systems not included in current map.

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

Dundee Staff – 2 Park Managers, 10 Lifeguards, 4 Park Attendants

Camp Staff - 3 camp directors, 3 assistant camp directors, 1 Senior Camper Coordinator

1 Art Director, 16 counselors

Park Ranger – New seasonal position, hired to visit and monitor activities at all of our parks/ trails and establish connections with our users

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.

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 2017 event, which will be held on Saturday, September 16th this year.

Summer Lunch Program: Once again, the Summer Lunch program will be held at Dundee Park, and I have worked with that committee to put all logistics in place. Parents that qualify are given a free Dundee Park Pass in order to come into the park with their children each day. The first day of the summer lunch program will be Monday, July 10th.

Monthly department staff meetings on Friday mornings

Future Event Dates

July 10th – 1st Day of Summer Lunch Program

July 12th – 1st Concert of the Season

July 12th – Adventure Bound Trip for Adventure Campers

July 17th – July 21st – Wayne St. Peter's Youth Tennis Camp

July 20th – Home Track Meet at WHS for Summer Track Program

July 25th – Camp-out at Dundee Park for Adventure Campers