



Monthly Department Report – December 2017

Numbers at a Glance

Comparisons for time period of 7/1/17 – 1/12/18 vs. 7/1/16 – 1/12/17:

Total Registrations:	664	509
Total First Time Registrations:	271	307
Activities Running:	109	69
Total # of Transactions:	841	588

Program Updates

Senior Trips/ Programs: After so many holiday celebrations in November, the seniors needed a break in December! We had our usual weekly shopping trip as they prepared for the holidays.

Youth Programs: After School Yoga for the 4th and 5th grades continued in December as an early Release Day Program on Wednesdays, and we have 7 youth participating in that. There was also a trip to Happy Wheels and lunch during the December Vacation Week for children in Grades K – 5, and we were filled to capacity on our buses with 22 kids participating. We held our 1st Early Release Program for Middle School kids with a trip to Urban Air, and once again we were at capacity on that trip, with 19 youth participating, and 4 unfortunately left on a waiting list. Pre-School Programs for ages 2-5 include Happy Hearts Creative Movement, with 6 preschoolers enjoying that program on Friday mornings. We also have a regular group of participants getting in out of the cold each Tuesday and Thursday morning for Kiddie Gym. We had 14 pre-schoolers along with their parent, grand-parent or guardian come to Seasonal Creations to make a gingerbread house.

Adult Programs: The Men's League and Pickleball is currently running, as well as Open Gym Basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights; Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball programs on Sundays began in November, and will run throughout the winter at the middle school gym. We currently have 78 people registered to take part in the Sunday Open gym programs, as either a drop-in participant or someone with a season pass.

Family Offerings: We ended our registration process for our Winter Ski Programs, and did cancel our Friday night multi-week program due to limited enrollment. We did end up with 6 people participating in the Family Ski Program on Wednesday nights, and we sold 46 discounted Unlimited Night Season Passes, so that is a service that many residents took advantage of.

Special Events Update

Summerfest: The Summerfest Committee invited the Car Show organizers to the December

meeting, and there was plenty of discussion about ways to partner and enhance the event as a whole. The committee has chosen a Country theme to build the activities around, and we have also added the tag-line “Brining Unity to the Community” to the Summerfest logo. We sent out “Save the Date” postcards to all former business and community organization participants, and have created a Save the Date flyer to use in other publications or social media sites. Once all current applicants have been appointed, this committee will be full with 11 active participants.

North Pole Calling: The department is grateful to Dave Nadeau for continuing this tradition each year. There were 20 people that registered their child to receive a call from “Santa”.

Facility Updates

Work continues on the Lippman Park Workshop project – new doors have been ordered; Beginning to work on RFQ’s for design work of Community Park; Trails at Lippman, Lowell and Mountain Division are groomed for cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing; Ice rinks at both Lippman and Manchester Courts are being cleared and flooded for ice skating

Department Projects

Continued involvement with departmental organization procedures; Established a stream-lined process for our equipment loan/rental program – snow shoe rentals began in December with the arrival of winter.

Staffing Levels

Year-Round Staff – 3 Full-time* (New Administrative Assistant Kelsey Crowe joined department on 12/18), 1 Part-time, 2 Per Diem Van Drivers/ **Trail/Maintenance Staff** – 1 Full-time

Organization/Town Meetings

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: The committee continues to seek ways to enhance our department offerings and increase recreational resources. Major goals continue to be development of Community Park, and advancement of the pre-development phase of the Community Center.

Be the Influence: I continue to participate with this committee and seek ways to provide quality programs that can help our youth feel valued; current plans include winter activities for middle school youth.

Sebago Lake Chamber of Commerce - Amazing Chase: I continue to serve on this committee, not only to maintain a connection with the business community, but also to help develop this as a popular recreational event that attracts participants to our community

Monthly department staff meetings on Friday mornings

Future Event Dates

Winterfest – January 6th

S’Mores and Skate Nights – January 19th (Lippman Park) and February 2nd (Manchester Rink)

Father Daughter Dance – February 9th

Mother Son Sports Night – March 9th