



Monthly Department Report –April, 2018

April Numbers at a Glance

Comparisons for time period of 7/1/17 – 5/15/18 vs. 7/1/16 –5/15/17:

Total Registrations:	1975	1321
Total First Time Registrations:	699	588
Activities Running:	152	116
Total # of Transactions:	1748	1269

Program Updates

Senior Trips/ Programs: We held our Think Spring Luncheon in April, with catering provided by Starlight Catering and entertainment provided by Ron Bergeron. The communities of Standish, Gorham, and Falmouth all joined us for this event. We held a Mystery Lunch to the Green Ladle in Lewiston, followed by a visit to the Bates Museum. We hosted a Memory Lane luncheon in Council Chambers and had a musical historical account about OOB – complete with fries to commemorate the ever-popular OOB pier fries. We continue to recruit new seniors from Windham and surrounding communities, and currently mail out 129 quarterly newsletters to folks wanting to be kept informed of our offerings.

Youth Programs: Two spring sessions of Happy Hearts Creative Movement began in April, with 15 preschoolers participating in this program. Mad Science “Engineering Mania” began in April for youth in grades K-3. Kiddie Gym wrapped up its 2017/2018 season with a final party on April 26th. We had a total of 71 families with 96 individual kids participating in that program this year. with up to 69 different pre-school kids coming on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We offered a Seasonal Creations Program for pre-schoolers, with 12 children and their parents or grandparents joining them to make Garden Starters.

Adult Programs: The Men’s Basketball League began its Spring season, which is the final season of the year before the summer break. The Men’s Tuesday and Thursday Open Gym program and Sunday morning Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball programs are ongoing.. Adult Pickleball currently takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays in the Town Hall Gym, with 20 participants participating as a regular participant or as a drop-in.

Summer Camp: Registrations for the 2018 Summer Day Camps opened on Monday, March 26th, which was a month earlier last year in order to allow people more time to make payments.

We are offering both the regular camp day enrollment option along with the extended day option this year, which serves both the needs of the working parent, or the parent who wants to provide their child with an affordable summer camp experience, but does not need extended day supervision. In May, we will provide parents with the Enrichment programs that are being offered this year, and they will have an opportunity to enroll in these extra offerings which do have an associated fee involved, but are beyond the typical camp activities.

Special Events Update

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 11 – August 4. We have begun recruiting community groups who wish to manage the concession at the concerts as a fundraiser opportunity.

Facility Updates

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Community Garden Club met with the team from Sevee and Maher to begin the design work for the Community Park. Two meetings were held to begin the development of the plan.

Dundee Park: We began to accept group reservations for Dundee Park in April and began to promote our park passes as well.

Donnabeth Lippman Park: New Storywalk and Interpretive Trail stations have been ordered so that they are permanent fixtures and can be updated regularly

Department Projects

Preparations for Summer Camp and Dundee Park are underway- Early Bird Registration for Camp opened on March 26; Department is working with volunteer committee members of Summerfest to help them with the registration and communication processes through our software program

Interviews for camp and Dundee staff were held in April; Staff training and orientation plans being finalized

Staffing Levels

Year-Round Staff – 3 Full-time, 1 Part-time, 3 Per Diem – Van Driver/Programmer/Gym Supervisor

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.

Amazing Chase: This committee has ongoing meetings to plan for the 2018 event.

Monthly department staff meetings on Friday mornings

Future Event Dates