



Monthly Department Report – March 2019

FY19 Numbers at a Glance

Comparisons for time period of 7/1/18 – 4/10/19 vs. 7/1/17 –4/10/18:

Total Registrations:	1841	1540
Total First Time Registrations:	664	597
Activities Running:	170	147
Total # of Transactions:	1555	1517

Monthly Numbers Report Summary from 3/01/19 to 3/31/19

Number of Accounts Created Res/NonRes	43	7
Number of Members Created Res/NonRes	121	16
Number of Registrations Res/NonRes	332	19
Total Income	\$35,940.50	
Number of Activities Run	16	
Number of Reservations	3	

Monthly Numbers Report Summary from 3/01/18 to 3/31/18

Number of Accounts Created Res/NonRes	51	22
Number of Members Created Res/NonRes	116	33
Number of Registrations Res/NonRes	325	45
Total Income	\$26,569.50	
Number of Activities Run	20	
Number of Reservations	4	

Program Updates

➤ Senior Trips/ Programs:

Boston Flower Show - We partnered with Gray and New Gloucester Parks & Recreation Departments for this outing to the ever-popular Boston Flower Show at the Seaport World Trade Center.

Senior Socials - Twice a month throughout the winter we turned Town Hall Gym into a “Senior Center”. Card games, such as bridge or cribbage, or board games like Scrabble or Pictionary, were offered – or folks were invited to just come for the Social time. Offered in place of senior outings which have often been canceled during the winter months due to the weather.

Senior Shopping – Takes place on Thursday mornings; currently have 15 people registered to participate, which will require an adjustment in the schedule and routes for any weeks that all 15 people choose to attend, as that exceeds the number of seats on the bus

➤ Youth Programs:

Lego Brick by Brick - Thursday afternoons at Windham Primary School; 14 Students in grades K-3 are meeting on Thursdays in the Windham Primary School Music Room for a short educational lesson, followed by a step-by-step build of the day related to the theme: **Lego Woodland Creatures!**

Pre-school Programs: Kiddie Gym takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout winter months – currently have 48 preschoolers registered for either the season pass or as drop-ins

Get-in-the-Game Early Release Day for Middle School students: Collaborative effort with Windham Public Library, DARE Officer Cyr and DARE to Adventure members, Be the Influence, and RSU14 – Activities included WHS Rock Wall (facilitated by Coach Jeff Riddle and members of the Outdoor Club), Community Service project at MSSPA, gym games, card and board games, movies and Wii games

➤ Adult Programs:

The Winter Spring Session of the Men’s League is currently running with 10 teams, which is the maximum number we can accommodate with current gym availability; Adult Pickleball has 22 participants with either the Winter Season pass or as drop-ins; Open Gym Basketball takes place at Primary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights with 8 participants currently participating in the Winter/Spring Session; Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball programs held on Sundays at Windham High School Gym – currently has 58 participating in Basketball and 41 participating in Volleyball with either the Season Pass or as drop-ins

➤ Family Programs:

2019 Winter Photo Contest – Had 32 entries in each of the 4 categories: **Family - Nature - Pets - Youth Photographer (under 18)**- Winning photographs are now displayed in Council Chambers hallway

Mother Son Night Out – We held our 6th annual Mother Son Night Out at the Middle School on 3/8, and had a record number of participants with 95 sons in attendance; Had volunteer support from Windham Youth Basketball, Windham Youth Lacrosse, Windham Little League, Maine Gaelic Football and SJC students

Cross Insurance Arena Discount Tickets – Offered discount tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters on March 21st and to Sesame Street Live! On March 23rd

Special Events Update

MPWP&R Snow Shoe Challenge – Partnered with Le Club Montegnard (snow shoe club) to offer a 5K and sprinting event at Lowell Preserve for 30 racers, with approximately 20-30 participants in attendance; Lions Club volunteered to assist with serving refreshments

Summerfest: The Summerfest Committee resumed monthly meetings in January to prepare for the 2019 event, with the theme “We’re a Little Bit Rock ‘n Roll”; currently accepting registrations for all participants as well as sponsorships

Facility Updates

- Community Park –
Project put out to bid in early March
- Dundee Park –
Season passes on sale for 2019 season
- Lippman Park and Manchester Ice Rinks –
Ice Skating Rinks at both facilities are regularly maintained and have been suitable for skating since mid-December; Trails are groomed for snow shoeing or cross country skiing
- Lowell Preserve –
Trails are being groomed for snow shoeing or cross country skiing; hill is groomed for sliding

Staffing Levels

- Year-Round Staff – 3 Full-time, 1 Part-time, 5 Per Diem – Van Driver/Programmer/Gym Supervisor
Park/Trail Maintenance Staff – 1 Full-time
- Began advertising for all seasonal positions – Day Camp, Dundee Park, Track, Seasonal Park Laborer and Park Ranger – Deadline to apply for Camp positions was 3/22

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.

Community Center Ad Hoc Committee:

3rd Public Forum held on Monday, March 25th; Showed the final concept plan based on input provided at the 2 previous forums and asked for input on communities' pool preferences; ballots still available on department website and in office

Be the Influence:

Working in partnership with BTI to offer Early Release Day Programs for Middle School youth

Monthly department staff meetings

Future Event Dates

- April 3 – After School Yoga for Grades 3-5 begins
- April 9 - Mad Science for Grades K-3 begins
- April 10- Seasonal Creations for ages 2-5 – Critter Creature bug houses
- April 12 – Creative Movement for ages 2-5 begins
- April 24 – Think Spring Luncheon for Senior Citizens
- April 25 – Kiddie Gym ends for the season