

Director's Report RAB 1/7/19

Special Events: In October the Jack-o-Lantern Hike, a collaborative effort between the Moultonborough Recreation Department and the Castle in the Clouds and held at the Castle in the Clouds attracted well over 1200 people to the event.

The Solstice Event, scheduled for Friday December 21st, also a collaborative effort with the Castle, was cancelled due to heavy rains

The Halloween Party and Haunted Hallway had over 300 people in attendance with an additional 34 volunteers.

Basketball Hoopla – an evening with fun basketball themed activities facilitated by the Plymouth State University Men's and Women's Basketball teams, had over 100 people in attendance and was held on November 2nd in the MA gym.

The Holiday Open House held on Friday December 7th, a family oriented, evening of fun games, an ugly sweater competition and followed by warm homemade food had over 50 people in attendance. Over 50 children also received phone calls from Santa facilitated by the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department and Castle are also teaming up to offer a Starlight Hike on Saturday January 19th at the Castle.

Our Annual Family Skating Party is scheduled for Sunday January 27th from 2-4 at the rink.

Adult/Seniors: The Winter Session of Pickle Ball, held in conjunction with Meredith Parks and Recreation and held at the Meredith Community Center will run until February 1st; the Cabin Fever session will get underway on February 5th.

We held a trip to the Salem Witch Museum and Peabody Essex Museum on October 18th. For this trip we rented a small bus (14 passenger - no CDL required). This was used as a sort of training for when the Recreation Department gets a 24 passenger bus. We had 11 people register, but only 9 actually made the trip that day.

We are holding off on planning other adult/senior trips until we have the 24 passenger bus.

We continue to host both Mah Jong and Bridge at the Recreation Dept. Bridge meets on Monday afternoons and Mah Jong meets on Thursday afternoons.

Youth Sports: Youth Soccer went well. Our travel team participated in the Mount Washington Valley Cup Tournament and was scheduled to compete in the Carroll County Tournament but that was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The full schedule of youth basketball got underway last Saturday, January 5th. Games are played in Moultonborough, Meredith and Tuftonboro.

Other Youth Programs: A new session of Beyond the Bell, afterschool recreation program, got underway last week and we currently have 13 children registered for the program.

Skating lessons will begin on Tuesday January 8th and will run Tuesdays and Thursdays through January 24th.

Totally Toddlers, a drop-in play group for toddlers, accompanied by their parent or other adult meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Recreation Dept.

The Bubble Ball on Ice Event held on Thursday December 27th was a great success. We had 32 participants with approximately 20-25 spectators.

Other Information: The Recreation Department began taking both on-line registrations and credit card payments last fall.

Dan, Donna T. and I will all attend the Northern New England Park and Recreation Conference January 7th – 10th Dan is attending the Pre-Conference Director's Academy Monday and Tuesday January 7th and 8th and then will attend the morning sessions of the rest of the conference. I will be one of the speakers/presenters again this year. The Topic is Parks and Recreation Who Are We?

The office hours will be affected on Monday and Tuesday to accommodate the conference and Beyond the Bell.

Mary and I will participate in a webinar offered by Primex on facility management. The Recreation Department continues to manage/schedule the Function Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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