

Director's Report – RAB 9/11/2017

Summer – We had a very successful summer. Too many programs and activities to list and report on individually but in general people seemed pleased, kids were happy and all were kept safe and sound.

We, once again, had a very dedicated and talented group of young people as our seasonal staff members serving as day camp counselors, swimming instructors and lifeguards.

Our needs for the future include being able to increase our summer camp programs from a half day to a full day and need appropriate facilities in order to do so. We have increasing requests to do so.

Special Events - Our partnership with the Castle in the Clouds has been a real win-win for both of us. The Sunset Hike held on May 12th had over 200 attendees. Family Fun Day had over 350. In addition, we had camp days at the Castle, hosted by the Castle. And two of our camps had field trips to the Castle. Kudos to Donna Tatro and Stephanie Poole for their work in developing and strengthening this partnership.

States Landing Clean up Green up was another success.

The 40th Celebration and renaming of the park to Kraine Meadow Park was also successful. We had approximately 50 people in attendance; including from the State Division of Parks and Recreation, a staffer from Carol Shea Porter's Office; two Selectmen; Town Administrator etc. We officially renamed the park with a ribbon cutting and unveiled a conceptual design for the new sign. We are working on that now.

We had another successful Pathway Road Race held on August 12th – just under 60 runners.

The Summer Concert Series went very well.

Adult Programs and Trips – We sold out of the Cabbage Island Clambake Trip, which was again a great trip, but had to cancel the trip to Lowell National Historical Park due to the lack of numbers.

Bonne, Donna T and I went to Indian Head Resort as a follow up to the meeting we had here in April with a representative from Indian Head. We explored the area and had lunch there. We saw it as a possible trip that may reach some seniors that we may not be reaching. There are also possibilities for our Teen Adventure program for an overnight there.

Pickle Ball is going well and will run outdoors at our park until the end of September at which point we will partner with Meredith to offer the program indoors at the Meredith Community Center.

The Pickle Ball Tournament was held on August 28th.

Edith's Tourney – Tennis Tournament was rained out and re-scheduled for the next day – and went well.

Fitness with a Difference will continue through the end of September and Meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Recreation Dept.

Youth Sports – Youth soccer got underway last Saturday....we have two teams at the 5-6 level; four at the grade 3-4 level and over 34 children at the 1-2 level and 8 at the kindergarten level – our total is 101. We have 7 volleyball players.

We worked with the school for a policy regarding 6th grade participation on the middle school teams, now that the schedules align. It has impacted our numbers and there will be some growing pains as this works out.

Play Equipment – We are working with several play equipment companies to replace to old equipment at the park.

Other Information – We're working with our software company to be able to take on line registrations and credit card payments as approved in our 2017 budget.

Dan and I will be attending the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association Annual One Day Conference and Awards Banquet on Wednesday Sept. 13th in Concord.

I will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association National Conference in New Orleans the last week of September.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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