

Director's Report – RAB 4/10/17

Youth Sports – Youth basketball wrapped up with the boy's and girl's travel teams competing in the Carroll County Recreation Dept.'s Youth Basketball Tournament. The boy's played in North Conway during vacation week, the girl's in Tamworth the following week. Both teams did well with the girl's advancing to the semi-finals.

Softball was scheduled to get underway with clinics for grades 1-6 on April 1st but was cancelled due to weather – and will get underway on Saturday April 8th

Opening Day for t-ball and softball is on Saturday April 29th.

The Pitch, Hit and Run Competition will be held on Saturday May 6th.

Our track and Field program will start in May

Special Events – New Hampshire weather created challenges and forced cancellations of several special events – Cardboard Sled Derby and Sledding Party (no snow); Full Moon Hike (-30 wind chill); Twilight Skating Party (too warm-no ice).

The Mother-Son BBQ and Backyard Bash will be held on Friday April 21st.

The Father Daughter Dance, held on Friday February 17th was a great success.

Partnering with the Castle in the Clouds we are offering a Sunset Hike on Friday evening, May 12th at the Castle from 7-9 PM

Adult Trips – The trip to the Boston Flower Show, held with Belmont Parks and Recreation, was a big success. The trip sold out and both departments had a wait list.

Our next trip is "A Walk Through History" which will include a tour of the USS Constitution, while it's in dry-dock, as well time to visit the USS Constitution Museum and explore the area, following parts of the Freedom Trail. The trip is on Monday May 13th and we will again partner with Belmont Parks and Recreation.

Adult Programs – Spring session of Pickle Ball, held at the Meredith Community Center and in conjunction with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is full and is underway. This is the last indoor session. The outdoor session begins at the end of May.

Summer – The summer brochure is on line, with information for all our many programs, activities and events that are coming up. The brochure is at the printer and will be available in hard copy shortly.

We are in the process of advertising for and hiring our summer staff. Interviews for potential candidates will be held within the next few weeks.

Storm Assistance – The Recreation Dept. staff was called on to staff the shelters established due to the storm of 3/14.

Anniversary Celebration – This month marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Moultonborough Recreation Area (the Playground/Playground Drive). The land for the park was donated in the mid-1970's by Peter and Rose Kraine. As such, the Selectmen voted on March 30th on a

recommendation made by the Recreation Dept. to re-name the Park Kraine Meadow Park honoring the family and the donation. The park was truly the catalyst to create a recreation department. On Saturday July 15th, with a rain date of Sunday July 16th, we will officially celebrate the anniversary and the new name of the park.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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