**Director’s Report for July 6, 2021**

**Programs**

The month of June saw us finish up our Spring Adult Hiking program. After a very good spring session, we had a great final hike at Waukewan Highlands Park. We’re looking forward to another strong showing when we begin our fall hikes in September. We opened up our Fall Soccer registration with a “Registration night” in early June. We had a good turnout and registration continue to come in. On June 19th, we held our 3rd Annual Town Wide Yard Sale to support Gilford Old Home Day. Although registrations started slow, we ended up with a decent turnout. After some brief rain during set-up, we ended up with a beautiful day and had a steady turnout throughout the morning. Overall, we raised almost $500.00 towards Old Home Day. Our first camp of the summer, Shooter’s Gold began on June 28th. We once again have very good participation and we’re hoping for good weather throughout the week as this program will be held outdoors. Our tennis lessons, which are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, begin on June 29th. Our youth lessons are full and our adult lessons also have good participation. The Babysitting Class that we are co-sponsoring with the Gilford Library will be held on June 30th and the interest was once again very good with program quickly filling up. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Waukewan Highlands Park Hike – 18 Participants
* Town Wide Yard Sale – 7 Community Space Participants and 13 Map Participants; Additionally, 78 maps sold to patrons the day of the event.
* Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp – 47 Participants (1 of 2 sessions full)
* Youth Tennis Lessons – 60 Participants (Program is full)
* Adult Tennis Lessons – 7 Participants
* Babysitting Class - 14 Participants (Co-sponsored with the Library) (Program is full)

We’ve got a very busy month coming up as our summer programs get into full swing. These programs include some Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp and the Tennis Lesson Program which both began the end of June as well as our Arts & Crafts down at the beach. We also have three other week-long camps scheduled throughout the month; the Challenger Soccer Camp, Wicked Cool for Kids Lego Robotics Camp and the Lakes Region Riding Academy Horsemanship Camp. Sue is also working a few Senior Moment-um programs that will be held throughout the summer. The Community Band will be holding their first two summer concerts during the month of July. To comply with distancing concerns, these concerts will be held outdoors behind the Middle School. Additionally, registrations continue for additional camps scheduled through the month of August as well as our fall Youth Soccer program. Here is a list of planned programs for the month of July along with the dates they will run:

* Shooter’s Gold Camp continues through July 1st
* Tennis Lessons continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings through August 5th
* Arts & Crafts Program at the Beach runs Tuesday and Thursdays July 6th – July 29th
* Challenger Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 12th – July 16th
* First Community Band Concert will be held on July 14th
* Wicked Cool for Kids Lego Robotics Camp is scheduled for July 19th – July 23rd
* LRRA Horsemanship Camp is scheduled for July 27th – July 30th
* Second Community Band Concert will be held on July 28th

**Facilities**

The damage from the vandalism we experienced in May has all been repaired. Repairs were made to the garage door on the maintenance shed at the beach and new doors, door jams and looks were put in on both bathrooms, the lifeguard room and the concession stand at the beach as well. The windows on the concession stand were also fixed. Additionally, the one door that had been damaged at the ice rink was also replaced with a new doo, door jam and locks.

Working with DPW and Fay’s Boatyard we were able to successfully move the raft from its previous location in front of the guard room to the end of the parking lot so that it is out of the way during the summer beach season. This was an extremely difficult process and not something we’d like to do too often. The size and weight of the raft made things very difficult and there was serious concern about putting too much stress on the raft frame. Matt Gault who built the raft was kind enough to help us set the straps to lift the raft to help reduce the stress on the raft. Additionally, without the help of Fay’s Boat Yard, it would not have been possible to move the raft to where it is. A Thank You letter has been sent, stressing our appreciation for their help.

The planned tree pruning on the large pine tree at Lincoln Park has been completed, opening up more of a view.

Matt from Buildings and Grounds is still waiting on a quote on the cost to replace all the decking at the Village Field Bandstand. In the interim, he is coordinating to have the two worst boards replaced as a temporary fix.

The Tennis Courts resurfacing project was completed on Monday, June 21st. We kept the courts closed for one week following the completion of this project to allow the new surface to fully cure. The courts were re-opened on Monday, June 28th.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director