**Director’s Report for May 3, 2021**

**Programs**

The Bunny Hop Story Walk program that we co-sponsored with the Gilford Public Library and Gilford Youth Center was very successful. We had a good turn out and participating families did a good job arriving for their designated times, allowing us to maintain limited group sizes and safe social distancing. Feedback we received from parents on this event was all very positive. Sue has continued to see very consistent participation in our weekly Senior Walking and Poker Walk program. This program is scheduled to wrap-up for the season on April 28th. Our April Vacation Horsemanship Camp filled up within two days and we have a waitlist of interested participants who are interested participating in future sessions. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Bunny Hop Story Walk – 129 Participants (62 children and 67 adults)
* Senior Walking – Averaging about 10-13 Participants per week
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp – 7 Participants (Camp Full)

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming spring and summer programs. We’re working with CodeWiz to offer a six-week after school virtual program beginning in early May. Sue is planning a four-week Spring Adult Hiking Program. With the early spring this year, we’re looking forward to nice dry trails this spring. We’re waiting to hear back from Bolduc Park, but are hopeful we’ll be able to offering Youth and Adult Golf Lessons this spring. Sue and I are hoping to offer some periodic Senior Programs to be held outdoors as the weather gets nicer. We’ve also began to open registrations for some of our Summer Camp programs and will keep opening up registrations for others as they become available. We’re hopeful that we’ll have our Spring/Summer Program Brochure available sometime in early May. However, we may need to make periodic updates if updated COVID-19 guidance affects our offerings. We’re also keeping an eye on the number of fans allowed at Red Sox games. Even though we have tickets booked, they are still currently limiting capacity and we’re not sure how restrictions around bus travel may affect our ability to travel to the game. Here is a list of planned programs for the end of April and the month of May and the dates they will run:

* Senior Walking Program wraps up for the season on Wednesday, April 28th
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp scheduled for April 26th – April 29th
* Spring Adult Hikes begin on Tuesday, May 4th and continue each Tuesday
* Senior Programs TBA
* Code Wiz After School Virtual Minecraft Program Thursdays, May 6th – June 10th
* Golf Lessons TBA

**Facilities**

 Although all the Bob Houses were removed from the Town Beach and the gate was locked for the season on April 2nd. Walt Philbrick from the Belknap County Sportsman’s Club once again helped communicate with the fishermen about removing the Bob Houses in a timely fashion and helped keep the beach clean. I sent a Thank You letter for his continued efforts in helping keep the beach open and available for winter recreation activities.

 The Board of Selectmen awarded the bid for Tennis Court Resurfacing to Advantage Tennis, Inc. and we estimate that the courts will be re-surfaced sometime in mid-June.

 The lights at the tennis courts and basketball court at the Village Field were turned on for the season on April 23rd.

 We have a number of floorboards on the Village Field Bandstand that are rotting and need to be replaced. Herb has spoken with Matt from Buildings and Grounds about replacing these boards.

 Herb met with Kyle from DPW about a couple trees at Lincoln Park and the Gilford Beach that need to have limbs removed. Kyle will be including these items when they contract out additional tree work needed in the Town.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director