**Director’s Report for November 1, 2021**

**Programs**

Our fall program season is quickly coming to a close. Our Adult Volleyball Program started back up on October 5th for the first time since the COVID-19 Pandemic first struck. There has been strong interest with steady participation through the first three weeks. Our fall hiking program wrapped up on Tuesday, October 12th. We has a good fall season with no weather cancellations and very steady participations throughout. Our Youth Soccer Program came to a close with our End of Season Rounds Robin on Saturday, October 16th. After some early season COVID-19 cases, we made it through the remainder of the season with no known cases. We did have a few individual coaches and players that needed to quarantine from close contacts that occurred outside of our program, but did not otherwise affect our program. Overall, we had a very successful season and have received very positive feedback through our post-season evaluations. Our Senior programs continue to have strong attendance with a very good showing for the Breakfast and Bingo program we held on October 20th and expecting a good crowd for our Luncheon scheduled for the 27th. We’ve been working with Dan Barnhart from The Plate Lunch to prepare the meals for these programs and the Seniors seem to really like his offerings. We also have our two Halloween programs scheduled to run the last week of the month with the Spooky Story Walk we’re co-sponsoring with the Library scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th and our traditional Halloween Happening Party at the GMS scheduled for Friday, October 29th. Registration will be opening shortly for our Youth Basketball Program and is ongoing for our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program for this winter. Numbers for the programs we held this past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball - Averaged about 18 Participants per week
* Adult Hike on October 5th – 11
* Adult Hike on October 12th – 11 Participants
* Fall Youth Soccer Program (Grades K-5) – 164 Participants
* Senior Breakfast and Bingo Program – 25 Participants
* Senior – Octoberfest Lunch – 26 Registered Participants

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming fall and winter programs. Registrations are already open for our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program and Youth Basketball Programs, with registrations for our Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons and our Celtics Bus Trip to open shortly. We have our Youth Basketball Coaches Meeting, Referee Clinic and Team Selection planned during the month of November. We also have a couple of upcoming Senior Moment-um programs scheduled during the month of November. We are also beginning to look at planning for the Santa Land Program that we co-sponsor each year with the Gilford Youth Center. Here is a list of planned programs for the end of October, the month of November and early December and the dates they will run:

* Spook Story Walk (co-sponsored with Library) – October 26th
* Youth Basketball Registration Night – October 27th
* Halloween Happening Party – October 29th
* Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday
* Senior Moment-up Luncheon Italiano Program – November 8th
* Youth Basketball Coaches Meeting on November 8th
* Youth Basketball Player Clinic/Team Selections on Nov. 10th and 12th
* Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Registration Deadline on November 12th
* Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie on November 15th
* Youth Basketball Practices begin on Nov. 29th
* Santa Land Program (Tentatively) Scheduled for Dec. 3rd and 4th

**Facilities**

The Board of Selectmen have approved us to move forward with replacing the roofs on the Varsity Dugouts and the Maintenance Shed at the Village Field. These two items, along with the repairs to the Village Field Bandstand have been coordinated with the respective contractors and we are awaiting scheduling of the projects.

Water at all Rec facilities was turned off for the winter in mid-October and the Lifeguard Building at the Beach is mostly boarded up. DPW is hoping to stack all the picnic table up sometime next week. The tennis courts will remain open through early November before being closed down for the season.

There has been some issues with stones coming loose in the new retaining wall at Lincoln Park. The contractor who re-did the wall has been notified and they will be in touch as soon as they’ve had a chance to inspect the issue.

We are planning to get pre-season prep work at the Ice Rink completed through the month of November, so that we are ready to start flooding as soon as the weather is cold enough in December.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director