**Director’s Report for September 7, 2021**

**Programs**

Our summer programming season has come to an end. The month of August saw the end of our tennis and yoga program. Due to a few rainouts early in the season, we decided to extend the lessons by one week, finally wrapping up on August 12th. Overall, this program went very well. Our Minds in Motion Robotics Workshop was held on August 2nd and 3rd and we received some good feedback from parents. We also held our second soccer camp of the summer, this one with Seacoast United the week of August 2nd through August 6th. This camp received positive reviews as well. Sue held our second Senior Moment-um program of the summer on August 9th. Although she had some no-shows, she still ended up with a good group of participants who enjoyed the baseball lunch and bingo. The final Community Band concert held on August 11th with numbers consistent with numbers similar to their second concert. The numbers for the programs we held the last month are as follows:

* Youth Tennis Lessons – 60 Participants (Program Full)
* Adult Tennis Lessons – 7 Participants
* Minds in Motion Robotics Workshop – 11 Participants
* Seacoast United Soccer Camp – 28 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Baseball Lunch and Bingo – 33 Participants
* August 11th Community Band Concert – Around 60 Participants

Our Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held on Saturday, August 28th. This year’s theme was “Our Community of Champions!” The Committee, as usual, did a great job preparing for and helping run the event. Aside from a couple passing showers early in the evening, the weather was cool and comfortable. We had pretty good crowds throughout the day, capped off with a terrific fireworks display.

Planning is currently underway for a number of fall programs. Our Youth Soccer Program number are much higher than last year with significant increases in all three divisions. We held our coaches meeting last week and this program will begin after Labor Day. In addition to Fall Soccer we are working a number of Senior Moment-um programs, our Fall Adult Hiking program and Adult Volleyball. Here is a list of planned programs for September and the dates they will run:

* Youth Soccer Program will begin on September 7th and the program runs through October 11th.
* Senior Moment-um End of Summer Beach Pot Luck is scheduled for September 13th.
* Adult Hiking Program will run on Tuesdays, beginning September 14th.
* We’re hoping the Adult Pick-up Volleyball will be able to begin the end of September, but the exact date is still TBD.

**Facilities**

 The small dead Liberty Elm Tree that was located next to the bandstand at the Village Field Parking has been taken down. I a still waiting on result of the testing to see if the tree died from Dutch Elm disease, in which case it should be covered by warrantee.

Bradley McIntire is close to completing his Eagle Scout Project at the Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink. The work he has completed thus far looks really good and we’re very appreciative of his efforts.

I’ve received a quote from Drew’s Affordable Steel Roofing to put new roofs on the varsity dugouts, the maintenance shed and the bandstand at the Village Field. Unfortunately, some repair work needs to be completed on the bandstand before the roof can be replaces.

Matt from Buildings and Grounds is still waiting on a quote on the cost to replace all the decking at the Village Field Bandstand. I’ve asked him to add in the cost to strip the old shingles and fix the ceiling into the quote request. That way all work required to put the new roof on would be done as well. He is hoping to receive the quote this fall. In the interim, he did replace the worst boards as a temporary fix to get us through Gilford Old Home Day.

 The last day the Beach was staffed was Thursday, August 26th. We’ll continue to open the gate and restrooms when the weather is nice through mid-late September. We’ll be looking to pull the JIM Buoys and swim lines in mid-September.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director