**Director’s Report for April 4, 2022**

**Programs**

The Boston Celtics Bus trip that we co-sponsored with Moultonborough Recreation went well, even though the return trip took longer than expected due to mechanical issues with the bus and snowy conditions. Our Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby went very well. We had a good turnout with some excellent entries and nice conditions. We were able to squeeze in one final night of Adult Curling before we lost the ice for the season. After having to cancel 4 weeks in a row due to poor ice conditions, it was nice to be able to get in once final night of play before the season ended. Our Adult Volleyball program has been running on Tuesday evenings with numbers picking up somewhat recently. Sue continues to have good participation in our weekly Senior Walking and Poker Walk program. We did cancel one week due to clean-up from town voting, but participation picked right back up. Sue assisted the GYC with the Jr. Picasso pre-school program, which wrapped up on March 14th with an end of the program art show where the participants had the opportunity to display their works completed throughout the session. We’ve had good participation in a number of Senior Moment-um programs that we’ve run through the month of March. This includes that Dessert and Show program where we collaborated with the GHS Drama Club for our participants to watch the dress rehearsal of their spring performance at no charge. We’ve also begun accepting pre-registrations for the Bunny Hop Story Walk that we’re co-sponsoring with the Gilford Public Library and the Gilford Youth Center on April 15th and are anticipating pretty good numbers once again. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Boston Celtics Bus Trip – 20 Participants
* Cardboard Box Sled Derby – 13 Participants
* Adult Curling Program – 11 Participants
* Adult Volleyball – 12-16 Participants each week
* Senior Walking –10-12 Participants per week.
* Senior Moment-um St. Patty’s Day Breakfast – 28 Participants
* Jr. Picasso Preschool Art Program – 17 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Dessert and Show – 39 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Pizza and Bingo – 25 Participants

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming spring programs. We’re partnering with the Gilford Public Library and the Gilford Youth Center to co-sponsor the Bunny Hop Story Walk again this spring. This program is a combination Story Walk and Egg Hunt, where participants will be assigned a specific time-slot in order to ensure participants are well spaced out so that all can enjoy the event. We’re also excited to be able to help co-sponsor the Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny along with the Gilford Youth Center once again. We’re also hoping to be able to offer a Vacation Fun Day Program during April Vacation Week, in addition to working with the Lakes Region Riding Academy to offer a three-day Horsemanship Camp. Our Senior Walking and Adult Volleyball programs will continue to run weekly. We also have a couple of Senior Moment-um activities planned during the month. With the end of the labor dispute in Major League Baseball, we’ve been able to confirm the dates for our Red Sox Bus Trip in July and will begin promoting that trip soon. We’ve also begun opening registrations for some of our Summer Camp programs as they become available. Although some summer programs such as swim lessons are still up in the air, we’re hoping to be have our Spring/Summer Program Brochure available by mid-April. Here is a list of planned programs for the month of April the dates they will run:

* Senior Moment-um Baseball Day Lunch and Movie scheduled for April 4th
* Adult Volleyball runs every Tuesday evening.
* Senior Walking Program continues on Wednesday mornings through the end of the month.
* Bunny Hop Story Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 15th
* Breakfast with the Easter Bunny scheduled for April 16th
* Senior Moment-um Easter Luncheon Buffet scheduled for April 17th
* April Vacation Fun Day - TBD
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp scheduled for April 27th – April 29th

**Facilities**

After poor ice conditions in mid-late February, we were able open back up for most on Monday, of NH Vacation week and were able to maintain ice through the first weekend in March before ultimately closing for the season on March 7th. Subtracting the days we were closed due to poor conditions and/or lost ice, the rink was open for a total of 45 days through the season.

Although all the Bob Houses have been removed from the ice, there are still some on the Beach Property. By State law, they need to be removed by April 1st, so we’ll keep the gate open until that time, or until they have all been removed, whichever comes first.

The nets have been put up at the Tennis Courts and the court gates have been unlocked. We’re coordinating with DPW to monitor the condition of the driveway within the field. Once they notify us that the driveway has firmed back up, we’ll open the gate to the public.

Matt Whitney from Buildings and Grounds and coordinated with the contractor who is doing the work on the Village Field Bandstand and they were able to squeeze in a couple days work to construct two new lifeguard towers to replace the two that are in a state of disrepair at the beach.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director