**Director’s Report for August 29, 2022**

**Programs**

Our summer programming season has come to an end. Our Swim Lessons and Arts and Crafts programs both wrapped up on August 4th. Both programs went really well this summer. Even with reduced numbers in the swim lesson program due to our staffing limitations, parents were very appreciative that we were able to offer lessons for the first time since 2019. We also held our Annual Water Carnival for the first time in three years on August 5th and had a very good turn-out! The month of August saw the end of our tennis and yoga program. Due to one cancellation due to extreme heat, we extend the lessons by one day, finally wrapping up on August 9th. Overall, this program went very well. Our Minds in Motion Chemical Creations Workshop was held on August 1st and 2nd and we received some good feedback from parents. We also held our second soccer camp of the summer, this one with Seacoast United from August 1st through August 5th. This camp had good weather and received positive reviews as well. Sue held two Senior activities during the month of August. One was a breakfast and movie with pretty good attendance. The second was a trip to the Inter-Lakes Summer Theater in Meredith. Although numbers were lower for this trip, all participants really enjoyed the show! The final two Community Band concert were held on August 3rd and 17th, with the concert on the 17th moved indoors due to weather. Our Beach Yoga Program has been going well. We did have two weather cancelations in this program, so it has been extended one week and is anticipated to wrap-up on August 25th. Our Annual Old Home Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th! The numbers for the programs we held the last month are as follows:

* Swim Lessons Session II – 34 Participants (2 Full Classes)
* Arts and Crafts Program – 44 Total Participants
* August 3rd Community Band Concert – Approximately 75 participants
* Water Carnival – Approximately 70 Participants
* Youth Tennis Lessons – 60 Participants (Program Full)
* Minds in Motion Chemical Creations Workshop – 10 Participants
* Seacoast United Soccer Camp – 43 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie – 18 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Summer Theater Trip – 7 Participants
* August 17th Community Band Concert – Around 75 Participants
* Beach Yoga Program – 12 Total Participants

Planning is currently underway for a number of fall programs. Our Youth Soccer Program numbers are once again looking very strong. We will be holding our coaches meeting this week and the program will begin after Labor Day. In addition to Fall Soccer we are planning for our pre-school soccer program, 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 6th and the program runs through October 15th.
* Senior Moment-um End of Summer Beach Pot Luck is scheduled for September 12th.
* Senior Moment-um Programs TBD
* Pre-School Soccer dates TBD
* Adult Hiking Program will run on Tuesdays, beginning September 13th.
* Senior Moment-um Italian Lunch and Movie on September 26
* Adult Pick-up Volleyball anticipated to begin on Sept. 27th

**Facilities**

 Stephanie from BLC reviewed the video of the sinkholes at the Town Beach and has recommended we reach out to NH DES directly to get their recommendation as to how to best address the problem. I left a message for their Inspector of the Day and am awaiting a call back.

 We have two light poles out at the Tennis Courts (different from ones that were out earlier this season) and I am working with Hutchins Electric to correct the issue.

 The broken stand-alone slide at the Village Field has been removed by DPW. We are still awaiting the replacement tire for the Tire Swing, but the old, broken tire has been removed.

 The replacement of the Varsity Baseball dugouts at the Village Field is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 19th. DPW will begin demo work on the old dugouts sometime after Gilford Old Home Day.

The last day the Beach was staffed was Sunday, August 21st. We’ll continue to open the gate and restrooms, weather permitting, through mid-late September. We’ll be looking to pull the JIM buoys, swim raft and swim lines in mid-September. I have heard from Matt Gault and our new floats for the swim raft have recently arrived and he is ready to install them once the raft is removed from the water.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director