**Director’s Report for May 1, 2023**

**Programs**

Our Adult Volleyball program was moved to Wednesday evenings during the month of April and participation remained steady despite the schedule change. This program will take a week off over April Vacation week, but will move back to Tuesdays in May. This program will wrap up for the season on May 23rd. Sue continued to have low, but steady participation in our weekly Senior Walking program. This program concluded for the season on April 19th and Sue handed out prizes for the winners of this season’s “Poker Walk”. Jenny has been running our spring session of Indoor Adult Pickleball on Friday mornings at the GYC. The changes she made following our winter program have been well received and the program is running very smooth. We ran a couple of Senior Moment-um Programs this past month with good participation at both. Our two Easter Programs went very well. Despite poor trail conditions, which forced us to make some last minute changes to our planned route, the Bunny Hop Story Walk program that we co-sponsored with the Gilford Public Library was very successful and saw our biggest numbers yet for this event! Despite the cold and windy weather, the feedback we received from parents on this event was once again very positive. The Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Program that we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center also went very well, with an increase in numbers from last year. Jenny and Sue are working with GYC to run a Junior Picasso Preschool Art program. We also offered three programs during April Vacation week. Unfortunately, the trip scheduled to the Montshire Museum of Science was canceled due to low enrollment. The other two programs we offered included a Vacation Fun Day at the GES that included a field trip to the movies and collaborating with the Lakes Region Riding Academy to once again offer a three-day Horsemanship Camp. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball – 10-15 Participants each week
* Senior Walking – Averaged 5 Participants each week
* Adult Indoor Pickleball – 37 Participants
* Bunny Hop Story Walk – 88 Participants
* Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – Approximately 150 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Baseball Easter Brunch and Bingo – 49 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Stretching and Sandwiches – 39 Participants
* Junior Picasso Preschool Art Program – 14 Participants
* April Vacation Day – 20 Registered Participants
* Montshire Museum of Science Trip – Canceled due to low enrollment
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp - 7 Registered Participants

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming spring and summer programs. Jenny is planning a four-week Spring Adult Hiking Program. We are once again working with Bolduc Park to offer Youth and Adult Golf Lessons this spring, with two sessions; one in May and one in June. We have a couple of upcoming Senior Moment-um Programs during the month of May as well. We’ve opened up registrations for the majority of our Summer Camp programs and will open up registrations for additional programs as they become available. Our Summer Brochure will be completed this week and will be available in both hard copy as well as on our website. We’ve also opened up registrations for our Red Sox bus trip and have already sold more than 2/3 of the tickets! Here is a list of planned programs for the end of April and the month of May and the dates they will run:

* April Vacation Fun Day scheduled for April 25th
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp scheduled for April 26th – April 28th
* April Vacation Montshire Museum of Science Trip **(CANCELED)**
* Adult Pickleball wraps up on April 28th
* Adult Volleyball continues on Tuesday evenings through May 23rd
* Jr. Picasso Preschool Art Program continues on Wednesday afternoons through May 24th
* Spring Adult Hikes begin on Tuesday, May 2nd and continue each Tuesday
* Senior Moment-um Mother’s Day Breakfast and Craft on May 8th
* Bolduc Park Youth Golf begins May 9th
* Bolduc Park Adult Golf begins on May 11th
* Senior Moment-um Baseball Day Lunch and Movie on May 22nd

**Facilities**

 The roofs on the new Varsity Baseball Dugouts and the Storage Shed at the Village Field were finally completed on April 7th and the look great! The field work on the Varsity Baseball Field, which was begun last fall was completed and the field looks much improved.

 The gate at the Village Field was opened for the season on April 11th and the portable toilet was delivered on-site on April 14th.

 Jenny and I were finally able to replace the tire swing at the Village Field, which had been missing since we removed the previous tire due to wear and tear damage last summer.

 The Board of Selectmen approved the conversion of the Tennis Court Lights to LED lights and arrangements have been made with Hutchins Electric to begin this process.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director