

Parks and Recreation January Monthly Report

This winter thanks to sponsorship from Huhtamaki and Winslow Basketball Boosters we were able to bring back the Raider Reader Program. The High School Varsity Basketball athletes visit the Elementary classrooms where they pass out a custom bookmark, read to the class, and answer questions. This is followed up by a kid's night at the following home basketball games where there is a meet and greet and kiddos can get all of the other bookmarks signed. This was a huge success! The competition cheer team is gearing up for their competition season and will be performing all over the state in February and in March. We still anxiously await our mats that were ordered back in August of 2022.



Sat morning Rec Clinic with the Highschool



Varsity athletes visiting a classroom at the Elementary

Winslow fans lining up to meet the players and receive a signed bookmark

I attended a forestry forum and a class on recreational trail development grants this month. I'm excited to see the Town Forest dreams become a reality. In partnership with the AG commission, we hope to rely heavily on grant use to develop our recreational trails, create signage, and develop outdoor educational space.

The search continues for a Summer Fun Camp director and assistant director. These are very important roles that are proving difficult to fill. It looks like most of our seasonal crew will be returning and they are excited to get started. I look forward to discussing the upcoming budget with the councilors in March.

The Fort Halifax Days Committee has had two meetings and is looking forward to having our festival on June 17th, 2023, with extended hours for the festival itself. We are currently looking at adding extra activities for kids and increasing vendors. We are excited to also be offering food truck options as well. To book end the outdoor Maine season we will also be adding a Farmers Appreciation Festival in the fall. More information to come on that soon!

As the Safety Chair I will be busy this spring prepping for our shape renewal visit. I officially applied for renewal in January, and I am excited to continue our towns success in this program that shows how serious we take our employees safety and saves the town money on our insurance costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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