

Parks and Recreation Monthly Report June 2023

June has been a busy month for recreation. For the first time in the track programs history we had to close registration because of the number of kiddos that wanted to participate. We are one of the biggest if not the biggest programs in the State. We will be hosting two meets this year, one we have done in June kicking off the track season and the second one will be in July. These meets bring hundreds of athletes and their families from all over the state. A big thanks to Coach Nadeau and his crew of volunteers for all that they have done this season to make sure we are successful. Summer Fun Camp also reached capacity early on and with finally being fully staffed we had a great first week with all of the kiddos. We have almost every field in Winslow booked with some type of sport or event all summer long. With this flurry of activity brings great demands for our summer crew and they have exceeding my expectations in every way.



(A few of our campers enjoying slime making – Carter Calvo Competing in the Hurdles which he took first in)

The weather has been a bit of a challenge in keeping up with mowing, outdoor projects and very wet fields. Some maintenance has been put on hold for better weather. I am excited to report that one item that actually was done earlier than expected was the addition of pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. Pickle ball is the number one recreational sport in the country right now and we have many passionate players in Winslow that will be utilizing these new lines.



(A few visitors to Fort Halifax posing with some of our reenactors – Ray Caron works in the rain on the Palisade project at Fort Halifax Days)

In June we had our Annual Fort Halifax Days Festival. Sadly this event did not have cooperating weather. I am happy to report we tried to make the best of it and many families grabbed their umbrellas and still came out to enjoy the events and learn a little more about our history. A big draw this year was the new palisade that the friends of Fort Halifax have been working so diligently on.

July brings additional programming, hosting tournaments, and continuing work on playgrounds. We have ordered a replacement climber installation for the Clinton Ave Playground. Installation should happen sometime in August. We will hold off on new equipment at Norton Playground due to work that public works will be doing in that area.

Respectfully Submitted,

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