

April Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

We all know the phrase April showers bring May flowers...this was true this year. Although things are greening up nicely and starting to grow, we have some limitations on mowing until things dry up a bit. Our summer High School group was able to work some during April vacation cleaning up winter debris in all the parks and playground. A big Thank you to a local Homeschool group that spent the day cleaning up Dallaire Street Park. The first order of replacement parts has been received for the playgrounds and Dean has been getting those installed. The larger pieces do not have an eta yet. The Friend of Fort Halifax orchestrated the continuation of the historically development of the park but purchasing granite posts to be placed outlining the original area of the Fort. Thank you, Ray Caron, for being the force behind this project and assisting with being the liaison with the State of Maine.



Programming for Spring has been rolled out. Twenty of our thirty Community Garden beds are rented for the 2022 growing season. My hope is to rent the other 10 beds or to get donated seeds to plant them for community use. We are offering a brand-new program this spring with the help from Alumni Weslee Littlefield. She will be running Field Hockey skills for kiddos Pre-k-High School. We have also started sign ups for all of our summer programs which are finally at a pre-pandemic level.

The search continues for a Summer Fun Camp Director and Assistant Director. This is a huge gap right now for the summer programming. I hope to at least fill one of the positions by mid-May. Worst case scenario I will fill the roll, we will make sure Summer Fun Camp still happens and runs smoothly either way.

As a reminder we are also gearing up for our Fort Halifax Days which will be taking place June 11th 12-4. We will have the petting zoo returning, live music, food, vendors, and re-enactments. I hope you will consider swinging in to see all the excitement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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