

March Monthly Report Parks and Recreation

February although a short month has turned into an expensive month. What appeared to be a small leak in our rec center bathroom turned into a complete replacement of piping for part of the men's bathroom. Although not budgeted Houle's did a great job getting in quickly and not only is it functional it looks much better. We also had one of our Parks trucks fail inspection. It is currently having its fenders replaced and some body work done so that it will be road worthy for the spring. The estimated cost will be between \$1500.00-\$2000.00.

All our little dribblers wrapped up their seasons at the end of February. We had three groups meeting: 19 K Dribblers, 19 ½ boys, and 7 ½ girls. I am so excited to see these kiddos progress in the coming year. A big thank you to their coaches. They all did a great job with keeping the practices fun, safe, and exciting.



K Dribblers Rec Team



½ Boys Rec Team

In March we have 7 basketball teams continuing practices and tournaments. We also have our 2 competitive cheer teams competing all over the state in MYCCA competitions. Good Luck to all our groups as we continue with our first full season back in two years. February and March are my big planning months for summer programming. With Maine heading into an endemic phase of COVID-19 I am looking forward to a whole array of summer programming options. I will also be interviewing and hiring for all our summer staff. Sadly, I was informed that both my assistant director and director of Summer Fun Camp will not be returning this summer. They both will be missed with their many years of service to Parks and Rec. I have posted these positions and hope to have them filled by April.

Including rec program management, planning, budget discussions, hiring staff, I have also taken over as chair of the safety committee. This has proved to be a big undertaking, but I am excited to be working with all my fellow department heads to ensure we are following all the state safety policies to help reduce costs and to ensure safety for our employees.

Next month I look forward to bringing exciting news about the town forest and report on the wrap up to winter programming.

Respectfully Submitted,

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