**Director’s Report for December 5, 2022**

**Programs**

Our Adult Volleyball program numbers have remained steady over the past month, typically having a full game with a couple of subs for each team. Jenny’s Fit2Ski conditioning program has been going very well. There was very strong interest as this program quickly filled up and we had quite a few on the waitlist. This may be something where we look to run multiple sessions in the future. The Senior Walking Program has started pretty well, although there was one snowy morning that affected attendance. The Adult Chair Yoga program has had moderate, but steady participation. We did cancel one class due to weather, but the instructor is planning to add an additional class at the end of the session to make it up. Our Youth Basketball Program is now underway with our registration numbers up quite a bit from last season. This has resulted in three more total teams than we had last season. Practices are scheduled to begin on November 28th, with games scheduled to begin December 10th. Our Senior Moment-um Program continues to have very strong attendance. In addition to our regular programs we host at the Community Church, we also have a bus trip scheduled to Makris Restaurant and NH Speedway’s Gift of Lights on November 30th. Registration has also closed for our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program. We have very strong numbers registered in both the lesson program and the pass only program. The lesson format will run similar to last season. Our Annual Santa Land Program we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd. We are once again co-sponsoring a Holiday Home Decorating Contest with the Gilford District PTA. We are currently accepting photo submissions via email through December 8th. Following the deadline, we’ll post the photos for public view and provide a map of locations so that they can be viewed in person. The public will then have the opportunity to vote on their favorites in 5 different categories. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball - Averaging about 16 Participants per week
* Fit2Ski Conditioning Program – 16 Participants
* Senior Walking – 11 Participants
* Adult Chair Yoga – 5 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Dessert and GHS Show – 84 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Pizza and Craft – 24 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Gift of Light and Makris Bus Trip – 21 Registered Participants
* Youth Basketball – 114 Players

Planning and registration continues for a number of winter programs. We have a number of on-going programs that include Adult Fit2Ski, Adult Volleyball, Senior Walking and Adult Chair Yoga. Our Annual Santa Land Program we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center is coming up the first weekend in December. Submissions for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest will be accepted through December 8th and public viewing and voting will be open from December 10th – December 15th, with winners notified by December 16th. Registration has opened for our Cross Country Ski Lessons offered at Bolduc Park and registration remains open for seats on our Celtics Bus Trip scheduled for March 1st. We are co-sponsoring a Preschool “Elves Workshop” program with the Gilford Youth Center prior to the holidays. Our Youth Basketball Teams begin practicing the week of November 28th and games are scheduled to begin on December 10th. We will once again be exchanging games with other area communities for our teams in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Our Senior Moment-um Annual Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 12th and has already filled up! Here is a list of planned programs for the end of November and December and the dates they will run:

* Senior Moment-um Gift of Lights and Makris Bus Trip on November 30th
* Santa Land Program Runs December 3rd and December 4th
* Fit2Ski run on Monday evenings through December 5th
* Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday
* Senior Strides Walking Program runs every Wednesday Morning
* Adult Chair Yoga runs Wednesday mornings through December 14th
* Preschool Elves Workshop runs Wednesday afternoons from Nov. 30th – Dec 21st
* Holiday Home Decorating Contest Deadline is December 8th, Public Voting December 10th-15th.
* Youth Basketball Games begin on December 10th
* Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon on December 12th

**Facilities**

We closed the Tennis Courts at the Village Field for the season on November 15th. We’re hoping to be able to keep the gate open through the weekends of the School’s Holiday Craft Fair and the Candlelight Stroll. I’ll be locking the gate for the season as soon as possible thereafter (or sooner if it looks as if we’ll be getting heavy snow).

The roofs on the new dugouts and the Village Field storage shed are scheduled to be completed within the next week or two.

The Board of Selectmen did approve the expenditure of funds to help cover the cost of infield mix for the field repairs on the Varsity Baseball Field infield. This material has already been delivered and the repairs are underway.

We’ve had the lights checked and bird nests cleaned out at the Ice Rink. Our staff has also dragged the surface in preparation of the upcoming season and run a test on the pump. They are ready to start flooding the rink as soon as the ground is frozen and we have consistently cold temperatures.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director