**Director’s Report for May 2, 2022**

**Programs**

Our Adult Volleyball on Tuesday evenings has had somewhat low, but steady participation. This program will take a week off over April Vacation week, but will pick back up on May 3rd and will continue through May 24th when it wraps up for the season. Sue continued to have good participation in our weekly Senior Walking program. This program concluded for the season on April 20th and Sue handed out prizes for the winners of this season’s “Poker Walk”. We ran a couple of Senior Moment-um Lunch Programs this past month with decent participation at both. Our two Easter Programs went very well. The Bunny Hop Story Walk program that we co-sponsored with the Gilford Public Library and Gilford Youth Center was very successful. We had beautiful weather and the feedback we received from parents on this event was once again very positive. The Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Program that we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center also went very well, although numbers were much lower than typical. We offered two programs during April Vacation week. These included a Vacation Fun Day at the GES that included a field trip to the movies and collaborating with the Lakes Region Riding Academy to once again offer a three-day Horsemanship Camp. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball – 9-14 Participants each week
* Senior Moment-um Baseball Lunch and Movie Day -
* Senior Walking – 8-12 Participants each week
* Bunny Hop Story Walk – 79 Participants
* Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – Approximately 130 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Easter Luncheon –
* April Vacation Day – 19 Registered Participants
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp - 10 Participants (Camp was full)

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming spring and summer programs. Sue is planning a four-week Spring Adult Hiking Program. With the early spring this year, we’re looking forward to nice dry trails this spring. After a couple of years off, we’re once again working with Bolduc Park to offer Youth and Adult Golf Lessons this spring. We’re holding two sessions, one in May and one in June. We have a number of upcoming Senior Moment-um Programs, including a Senior/Senior Prom will be running with the National Honor Society. We’ve opened up registrations for the majority of our Summer Camp programs and will open up registrations for additional programs as they become available. Our Summer Brochure is completed and is now available in both hard copy as well as on our website. We’ve also opened up registrations for our Red Sox bus trip and have already sold over half the tickets! Here is a list of planned programs for the end of April and the month of May and the dates they will run:

* April Vacation Fun Day Scheduled for April 26th
* April Vacation Horsemanship Camp scheduled for April 27th – April 29th
* Adult Volleyball continues on Tuesday evenings through May 24th
* Spring Adult Hikes begin on Tuesday, May 3rd and continue each Tuesday
* Bolduc Park Youth Golf begins May 3rd
* Bolduc Park Adult Golf begins on May 5th
* Senior Moment-um Mother’s Day Lunch on May 9th
* Senior Moment-um Cinco de Mayo Lunch on May 23rd
* Senior Moment-um Senior/Senior Prom

**Facilities**

 The final bob house at the Town Beach was removed on April 5th. Aside from opening the get so this bob house could be removed, we’ve been able to keep the gate closed since April 2nd. A big “Thank You” goes out to the Walt Philbrick and the Belknap County Sportsman Club for assisting in this process and helping to keep the beach clean through the season. I sent a Thank You letter for his continued efforts in helping keep the beach open and available for winter recreation activities.

 Belknap Landscape was able to complete the pre-season prep on all three baseball fields the first week of April, enabling us to open up the fields prior the Varsity Baseball team’s first game.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director