**Director’s Report for October 3, 2022**

**Programs**

We’re currently right in the middle of our fall programming. Our youth soccer program is well underway, with very strong numbers once again. We have 3 large teams in our grades 3-5 division, 6 teams in our grades 1-2 division and 4 teams in our Kindergarten PeeWee program. We’ve had a few weather cancellations, but otherwise the program is going very well. The PeeWee program runs through the first weekend in October, with the two older divisions scheduled to wrap-up with our End of Season Round Robin on October 15th. Sue and Jenny have also been running a pre-school soccer program, which wraps up the end of September. Our Adult Hiking program had a delayed start as the first day was canceled due to rain. That said, we had good numbers when we were finally able to get out and we’re looking to continue this program through mid-October. We’ve held a couple of Senior Moment-um activities; the End of Summer Beach BBQ program and an Italian Lunch and Movie Program. Dan Barnhart prepared the food for both programs and our participation numbers were very good. Jenny has begun an Adult Pickleball Program that will be running twice a week through mid-October. Early numbers suggest strong interest in this program, although we did need to cancel the second day due to the weather. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follow:

* Fall Youth Soccer Program (Grades K-5) – 155 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Beach BBQ and Beach Games – 55 Participants
* Adult Hike on Sept. 13 – Canceled due to rain
* Preschool Soccer Program – 4 Participants
* Winnisquam Scenic Trail Adult Hike on Sept. 20 – 15 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Italian Lunch and Movie – 40 Participants
* Adult Pickleball Program – 13 Participants Thus Far

We still have a few more Adult Hikes planned for the fall and we may add others if interest stays high and as weather allows. Our Youth Soccer Program and Adult Pickleball Programs are both scheduled to continue through mid-October. Sue will begin running our Adult Volleyball Program the first week in October. We have two Senior Moment-um activities scheduled during the month of October. We are working with Bolduc Park to offer two one-day Disc Golf Clinics at their course. Plans are under way for our traditional Halloween Party at the GMS at the end of October. Registrations for both our Gunstock Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program as well as our Youth Basketball League will open up this coming month. Here is a list of planned programs for the end of September and beginning of October and the dates they will run:

* Adult Hike at Weeks Woods Farm on September 27th
* Preschool Soccer Program wraps up on September 30th
* PeeWee Soccer Program wraps up on October 1st
* Adult Hike at Ramblin’ Vewe Farm on October 4th
* Adult Volleyball Begins on October 4th and runs every Tuesday at the GMS
* Adult Pickleball runs Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings through October 13th
* Senior Moment-um Octoberfest Lunch on October 10th
* Adult Hike, Location TBD, on October 11th
* Youth Soccer wraps up on October 15th with End of Season Round Robin
* Bolduc Park Disc Golf Clinics on October 15th and 16th
* Youth Basketball Registration Night on October 26th
* Halloween Happening Party on Friday, October 28th at the GMS
* Senior Moment-um Halloween Lunch and Bingo on October 31st

**Facilities**

 I met with Peter Walker from VHB Environmental Services to look at the sink holes at the beach. He had some recommendations on how to initially address the sink holes and offered to reach out to DES to inquire about what, if any permits would be required. I’m waiting to hear back from him.

 The Swim Lines at the beach were removed on September 15th. The JIMB buoys and raft were removed on September 23rd. The work on replacing the floats on the swim raft began when the raft was removed on the 23rd and was completed the following Monday on the 26th. We’ll look to have the water turned off and the building closed up for the season sometime shortly after Columbus Day.

 DPW removed the old dugouts at the Village Field and construction of the new dugouts has begun. We’re hopeful that these dugouts will be completed by the end of October. Plans are also underway to have the Village Field storage shed re-painted in the “Gilford Blue” and to have the new roof put on.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director