



As we recap 2019, I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Recreation Department team: Caren Lewis, Dana Kurylo, Sarah Hooper, David Greenough, our seasonal maintenance staff, program coordinators, lifeguards, summer counselors, Youth Advisory Committee, and numerous volunteers. In addition, I would like to thank the other town departments for their support of our programs throughout the year, especially the Department of Public Works who helps us in each season when we need extra hands to complete maintenance projects.

The Recreation Department's part-time Maintenance Technician Leader, Dana Kurylo, completes a multitude of facility and grounds daily and seasonally to continuously offer the public a safe and enjoyable experience at Community Field, Shattuck Park, Contoocook Beach, Humiston Park, and the War Memorial. The Recreation Department oversaw the set-up and clean-up of all elections and Town Meeting as well as completed snow removal for the public walkways at the Town Offices, Police Department, Library, and Town Common. The Recreation Department also decorated the Town Common for the holidays and completed several large-scale facility and grounds projects this year.

#### Facility and grounds improvements completed in 2019:

##### Humiston Park –Department Office

- Replace garage door with an insulated garage door as ice builds up on the interior side of the current garage door & replace opener to become compliant with current safety codes.
- Replace ventless propane space heater with new direct vented suspended heater to improve efficiency, air quality, and working conditions.

##### Humiston Park – Program Building

- Replace inefficient electric heater with direct vented propane system
- Replace rotting siding & fascia boards
- Paint exterior of building including doors, trim, and siding.
- Install 2 exterior doors with glass window
- Installed new exterior lighting to bring the building to code.

##### Humiston Park - Grounds

- Regraded and seeded infield.
- Removed small retaining wall in driveway and created a large flower bed.
- Removed rotting fence rails and replace with low, wooden curbing to provide a more open experience in the park.

##### Community Park - Grounds

- Regraded around ballfield to improve water drainage and reseeded lawn.
- Installed wooden rail fence, created a walking path from Union Street to Rail to Trail.
- Repaired chain link fence frost heaved poles.

##### Various Locations:

- Installed surveillance cameras at various recreation department properties and facilities.

In 2019, program staffing changed to include a full-time Program Manager position, replacing a previous part-time Program Coordinator position that had a very high rate of turnover. This expansion allowed us to better fulfill our mission to create and sponsor recreational opportunities for all community members, which enhance the quality of life and provide a



positive and safe environment for body, mind, and spirit. Adult program offerings were expanded as we focused on a “Recreation is Not Just for Kids” campaign.

#### Adult programs offered in 2019:

- Adult Corn Hole League
- Adult Flag Football 2019
- Adult Ultimate Frisbee 16+
- Coffee Hour – Every Wednesday
- Adult Fall 3v3 Soccer
- Adult Spring 3v3 Soccer
- Adult Saturday Basketball
- "Lunch Bunch": 12 monthly trips
- Trip - Ultimate 90's Concert Cruise
- Trip - Bright Nights
- Trip - Faneuil Hall Marketplace
- Trip - Foster's Clambake
- Trip - Magic Wings & Yankee Candle
- Trip - MGM Casino
- Trip - Ogunquit Beach, Maine
- Trip - RI Lighthouse Cruise & Newport Lunch
- Trip- Fall Foliage in New Hampshire
- Trip-Tower Hill Botanical Garden
- Class - CPR / First Aid / AED
- Let's Go Fishing - Ice Fishing Class
- Travel Presentation for Alaska 2020
- Winter Hiking Safety Program w/ NH Interpretive Rangers

#### Youth programs offered in 2019:

- After School Karate Class
- Club Rec After School Program
- Club Rec Before School Program
- After School Learn to Play Tennis
- After School Street Hockey
- Summit Challenge Hiking Club
- After School Tennis - Fall Program
- After School Ultimate Frisbee
- AIM - Summer Program – 8 Weeks
- Middle School Black Light Party
- Canobie Lake Park Trip
- Challenger Sports International Soccer Camp 2019
- Challenger Sports Tiny Tykes Soccer
- Class - Safe Sitter Babysitter Course
- Dungeons & Dragons Club - Weekly
- Elf Training Camp
- ESports - Super Smash Bros. Tournament -Teens Only
- Fall Youth Soccer
- Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
- High School Halloween Party
- Homeschool P.E. Program
- Kids Night Out
- Lakeside Luau - Teen Dance
- Lil' Nature Explorer
- Magic Monday! For Magic the Gathering Players
- Magic the Gathering Tournament – Teens Only
- Magical Woodland Builders
- Marlins Swim Team
- NFL Flag USA Football
- No School Day Camp
- Preschool PE Program
- Pure Shot Basketball Camp
- Saturday Youth Basketball
- Ski & Ride Program
- Spring Window Painting Contest
- Spring 3v3 Soccer
- Swim Lessons
- Teen Blizzard Boogie Ball Dance
- Teen Afterschool Hang Out
- Teen ShamROCK Dance
- Teen Winter Carnival - Frosty Fiesta
- Trip - Mall of New Hampshire
- Class - CPR / First Aid / AED
- Let's Go Fishing - Ice Fishing Class
- Street Hockey
- Youth Advisory Committee



Community events offered in 2019:

- 1st Annual Christmas Tree Burn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spontaneous Snowman Challenge
- Family Fun Day at FPU
- Annual Spring Window Painting Contest
- Annual Town Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Father Daughter Dance
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair
- Annual Letters to Santa
- Annual Town Tree Lighting

Recreation Department staff had notable achievements this year. Sarah Hooper presented for the first time at the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association's Wink Tapply Playground Leaders Workshop with Renee Sangermano. Their presentation "Hiking Trails and Crafty Tales" taught summer program counselors from across the state trail etiquette, games, activities, and crafts that can be done in the woods to get youth exploring the great outdoors. Recreation Director, Renee Sangermano, was honored with a Trendsetter Award by The Keene Sentinel and the Business Journal of Greater Keene, Brattleboro and Peterborough for her contributions to her workplace and community as well as the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association's Young Professional Award. Various seasonal and year-round staff members completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification, Basic Water Rescue Training, Wilderness First Aid, and all Recreation Department staff hold First Aid/CPR/AED Certification.

As we look ahead to 2020, we welcome all community members to get outside and enjoy the recreational opportunities Jaffrey has to offer with the Recreation Department and our natural surrounds. We encourage all residents to get involved with our programs and events, whether that is sharing an idea, or giving your time at one of our various volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

We hope that the generous giving we saw to the Playground Fund for Phase 2 of the Humiston Park Playground Project will continue into the new year. In December 2019, the gift of giving over the holiday season saw over \$1000 raised between Craft Fair raffle (Thank you vendors & volunteers), Breakfast with Santa (Thank you Shattuck Golf Club), "Bring the Boom" raffle (Thank you Atlas) and several private donations from businesses and residents, alike. Together, we can build it!



Please visit our website: [Jaffrey.recdesk.com](http://Jaffrey.recdesk.com) for the most up-to-date listing of programs, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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