

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT



The staff at Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Department consistently worked diligently to provide quality programs. We offered events for 2023 such as our Father Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Craft Fair, Annual Tree Lighting and we also joined Team Jaffrey for Downtown Trick or Treating. We are looking forward to adding more events in 2024.

Contoocook Beach was staffed with lifeguards this year from 11am-5pm, 7 days a week. We had a beach attendant 7 days a week from 11-5pm.

In 2023 the Recreation Department offered a variety of youth programs. It was great seeing our youth find their passions and receive enjoyment from the programs below.

Afterschool Karate  
Camp Rec  
February Vacation Trips  
Youth Basketball  
SkyHawks Football

Youth Archery  
Fall Soccer  
Safe Sitter  
SkyHawks Multi Sport

One of our favorite moments this year was the return of the Father Daughter Dance. The Father Daughter Dance was held at the Woodbound Inn on March 24th. Fathers and Daughters dressed up, danced and enjoying their special time together.



In 2023 we had a lot of fun together at Senior Coffee, Create & Connect, Zumba, Zumba Gold, and going on more trips. This year we visited:

Michael's Bridge Diner Lancaster, MA  
O'Connor's Restaurant Worcester, MA  
Martha's Restaurant Nashua, NH  
Mohegan Sun Casino Uncasville, MA  
Sun Shui Restaurant Bedford, NH  
The New England Quilt Museum MA  
La Santa Tacos & Tequila Tyngsboro, MA  
Northampton Wools Northampton, MA  
Bridge of Flowers Shelburne, MA  
The Tuckaway Tavern Raymond, NH  
The Hills Restaurant Milford, NH  
Essex River Cruise Essex, MA  
90th League of NH Fair Newbury, NH  
Tempesta's Restaurant Keene, NH  
Ogunquit Beach Ogunquit, ME  
Filotimo Casino Dover, NH  
Popovers on the Square Epping, NH  
Mohawk Trail & Berkshire Mountains MA  
Gardner Ale House Gardner, MA  
MGM Casino Springfield, MA  
Filho's Great Road Acton, MA  
Bright Nights Springfield, MA



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Common Man Restaurant Merrimack, NH  
Shelf Indulgence Book Club Trip Labelle Winery Bedford, NH  
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2023 was the celebration of the Town's 250th Anniversary. On August 9th the Town celebrated by having a concert and fireworks at Humiston Park. Recycled Percussion rocked the stage. Following the performance was a firework show by Atlas Fireworks. There was over 1,300 in attendance. Special thank you to Jaffrey Fire Department, Jaffrey Police Department, Jaffrey DPW, Jaffrey 250th Committee, Volunteers, Christian Party Rental, Recycled Percussion and Atlas Fireworks.



August 10th was the 250th Parade. Jaffrey Recreation Department collected entries for the parade, organized the route with other Town Departments and put together the lineup. Jaffrey 250th Parade had 57 entries. The Jaffrey 250th parade had a variety of participants from walking bands, business & family floats, unique cars, horses, and those representing the history of previous parades and loved ones. Special thank you to Jaffrey DPW, Jaffrey Fire Department, Jaffrey Police Department, Jaffrey 250th Committee, Volunteers, and all who participated and attended. It was a special day for Jaffrey and it will go down in the history books.



Jaffrey Parks & Recreation Department had many facility projects happen this year. New decking was put on Humiston Bathroom ramp. Special Thank You to Gary Duquette, Franklin Pierce Football Team and Coach Gaskamp for helping cut and assemble the new decking. Softball net and poles were taken down due to rotting at Humiston Field. Contoocook Beach lifeguard room, restroom and changing room received a makeover with new paint and lighting. Humiston Program Building floor was redone special thanks to Shawn Marsh from DPW.

The Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Department announced the Grand Opening of Phase 2 of Humiston Playground. Phase 2 opened on November 2nd. Phase 2 of the Humiston Playground Project consists of a set of four standard swings, one inclusive swing and a playground structure designed for the 2-5 year-old age group. Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following individuals for their time and effort in making Phase 2 possible. The Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Amato Family Fund for \$22,500 to help construct Phase 2



of the Humiston Playground Project. Jaffrey Recreation department also received funds from other groups and individual of a \$100 or more and would like to thank them for their contributions, Barbara Knowlton, Bellow Nichols Insurance, Charles & Susan Fletcher, Chip Bergeron, Conant High School Honor Society, Elizabeth Kenny, Gauthier Auto Services LLC, Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, Jaffrey Ice Racing Association, Joseph Bremner, Kingsbury Companies LLC, Masiello Group, Monadnock



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Insurance, New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Peggy Ueda, Peter and Virginia Russell, Renee Sangermano, The Shattuck Golf Club, and Sue Franklin. We also had over 125 individuals who donated between \$5-\$100 THANK YOU. This project wouldn't have been possible without the community support and commitment. THANK YOU ALL, AGAIN.

Special Thank You to Caren Lewis! Caren celebrated her 20 year with Jaffrey Parks & Recreation Department on September 15th 2023. Caren is our Senior Program Coordinator and Recreation Admin. Caren's connection to all of our participants is remarkable. Caren goes above and beyond with book keeping, coffee hour, create & connect, creating themed trips, event planning and spoiling all of us with her tasty homemade treats. Thank you, Caren for all of your contributions over the last 20 years. Jaffrey Parks & Recreation Department is lucky to have you!

The Recreation Staff always welcomes new ideas for programs, trips and activities for all age groups. Please feel free to contact us with your comments, thoughts and ideas.

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### THANK YOU

We have a great team, however that doesn't just consist of Recreation Staff. We have help and partnerships from all over our town and community. Jaffrey Recreation Department Seasonal Staff, The Department of Public Works, Water Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Jaffrey Public Library, TEAM Jaffrey, Park Theatre, VFW, American Legion, Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club, Subway, Santa, Conant High School Honor Society, Conant High School Interact Club, Chorus from JGS, JRMS, Conant, SAU 47 Management, Realty Check, SAU 47 Facility and Custodial Staff, Coaches, Volunteers, and so many others.

The community involvement with our department needs to be recognized for their contributions and efforts. None of this would be possible without our partners and their support. Thank you all for supporting Jaffrey Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,  
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