

## Letter From The Director

*Fall is just around the corner. The Parks and Recreation staff can all breathe a sigh of relief and give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. As you might imagine, the summer season is extremely busy for our Department. We lost almost two full months (June and July) due to some of the worst weather conditions on record. During this challenging time, our staff kept a positive attitude and performed their jobs to the best of their ability.*

*Our Parks crew has been out mowing, trimming, tree pruning and performing general maintenance at our parks, fields, trails and playgrounds. We do our best to ensure that all our facilities are in tip top shape. One of our primary focuses this summer was to rehabilitate some of our softball fields. There are very few cities/towns around the state that have fields more heavily used than ours. We hold countless leagues and tournaments from May-October.*

*Work at the Quarry Road Recreation Area has finally begun. The 4.5K multi-use trail should be complete by Thanksgiving 2009. The land (nearly 120 acres in all) and trail will offer a variety of options for visitors including, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, walking, etc. The future potential for this area is great and we're proud to be a part of its development.*

*As you'll see ahead, we have many exciting programs, trips and special events planned for the months ahead. Thank you all for supporting Waterville Parks and Recreation!*

***Matt Skehan***

*Director – Parks and Recreation*

## Recreation News

*With summer programs coming to an end, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our summer parks and recreation staff. Without all of you, we would not have such successful programs. The outdoor municipal pool saw more patrons than in the previous year – something I think wouldn't have happened if our staff had not been at work day in and day out no matter what the weather brought us. Our recreation leaders also stuck out the weather and made sure that all participants had a great time.*

*After struggling with the weather in June, we were finally able to finish our summer coed and men's league softball seasons. Thank you to all teams for their patience with rainouts and rescheduling. Congratulations to the winners of each division. Men's and coed fall softball will begin after Labor Day and run through the end of October.*

*We are also getting ready to start our adult coed volleyball programs. We start the year with a fall season. This lasts for 8 weeks, with each team playing one game per week. We are thankful to the Waterville Jr High for allowing us to utilize their gymnasium for this program. In January we start another volleyball season – this one is divided into two divisions. Our winter volleyball program ends with a tournament style playoff. Registration for the fall league has passed, but if you are interested in the winter league, please contact the office to set up your team. Unfortunately we cannot accept individual registrations, teams only.*

*Special events and field trips are numerous for recreation in the fall/winter. We start the busy fall season off on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with our annual fall foliage trip on the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway. Along the way we stop at the Rangeley Logging Museum Apple Festival. This trip is followed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween Party for children pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Along with the Waterville High Key Club, we have a haunted house and many carnival games. This will run from 6-8 pm on Halloween evening.*

*Late fall/early winter will have us gearing up for youth basketball festivals and the Central Maine Basketball Conference. Along with basketball, we have our Annual Father/Daughter dance on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Waterville Jr. High School.*

*Enjoy the wonderful weather and colors of Fall in Maine. For more information on any of our recreation field trips, sporting events, or programs, please visit our website.*

**Bobbie-Jo Pelletier**  
Recreation Coordinator

## Important Dates

October 3, 2009  
Fall Foliage Trip  
Rangeley Lakes  
National Scenic Byway

October 31, 2009  
Halloween Party

February 12, 2010  
Father Daughter Dance

April 3, 2010  
Easter Egg Hunt

Look for the  
2010 Summer  
Brochure in May



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## 2009 Summer Softball

2009 Bash League Champions  
Waterville Home Oxygen

2009 Smash League Champions  
Vipers

2009 Men's League Champions  
Hart Construction

Thank you to all of the teams and officials for making this another great summer softball season. See you in 2010.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Party

Waterville Parks and Recreation will be hosting its annual Halloween Party at Waterville High School on Halloween evening. This annual event has been offering kids (preschoolers through grade 5) a safe, no cost, alternative to trick-or-treating for the last twenty two years. Each year, Waterville Parks and Recreation is assisted by members of the Waterville High School Key Club. These exceptional students design, decorate and staff a truly remarkable haunted house. They also staff all of the carnival style games for the kids to play and win candy.

**Please join us Halloween night from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Waterville High School (1 Brooklyn Ave).**

## Fall/Winter Calendar

*September 7, 2009 - Labor Day Observed*

*October 3, 2009 - Fall Foliage Trip*

*October 12, 2009 - Columbus Day Observed*

*October 31, 2009 - Halloween Party*

*November 11, 2009 - Veteran's Day Observed*

*November 26, 2009 - Thanksgiving Observed*

*November 27, 2009 - Day After Thanksgiving Observed*

*December 5, 2009 - Portland Pirates vs Providence Bruins*

*December 25, 2009 - Christmas Day Observed*

*December 28, 2009 - Father/Daughter Dance Tickets On Sale*

*January 1, 2010 - New Year's Day Observed*

*January 9, 2010 - Hotshot Contest*

*January 18, 2010 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed*

*February 12, 2010 - Father/Daughter Dance*

*February 15, 2010 - President's Day Observed*

*February 19-20, 2010 - Girls 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament*

*February 26-28, 2010 - Boys 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament*

*March 12 - 14, 2010 - Boys & Girls 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament*

*April 3, 2010 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

*April 19, 2010 - Patriot's Day Observed*

*May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day Observed*

Tickets are available for the trips listed above. For more information, please call 680-4744.

## Parks & Trails Spotlight

### Sterling Street Tot Lot

This playground area features:

- \* Basketball Hoop
- \* Swing Set
- \* Slide
- \* Stage Coach
- \* Horse Swings

Equipment at the Sterling Street Tot Lot was recently given a fresh coat of paint this summer by volunteers from the Waterville Starbucks. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up part of their weekend to help spruce up this playground area.

If your group is interested in helping to spruce up a park area in Waterville, please contact Waterville Parks and Recreation in the spring. We always have many projects for volunteers to help out with.

## Online Surveys

Would you like to help Waterville Parks and Recreation plan future activities and field trips? Do you have a suggestion for a program or trip? One way to get involved is to complete one or more of our online surveys. We currently have surveys asking your opinions on the Alford Municipal Pool Complex, our facilities and programs. Links to these surveys can be found on our website at <http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks/content/643/surveys.php>. Please take a few moments of your time and let us know what you think. You may also send us an email at [parks@waterville-me.gov](mailto:parks@waterville-me.gov).

## Useful Links

With Fall just around the corner, now is a great time to enjoy the beautiful weather and the great outdoors. *Take It Outside* is a state wide initiative led by Governor Baldacci to encourage Mainers to take advantage of year round outdoor recreation opportunities here in Maine. The *Take It Outside* website is a great place to find information on outdoor activities. The site includes an interactive calendar listing activities and events around the state. There are also reading lists, recipes, family activities and links to help you plan your own outing. Bird watchers can also find a link to a Maine Birding Trail Map and Brochure, which highlights the best places in Maine to view birds.

For more information, please visit [www.take-it-outside.com](http://www.take-it-outside.com).

## Father/Daughter Dance

On Friday, February 12, 2010 Waterville Parks and Recreation will host the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Daughter Dance. This event has become an annual tradition for hundreds of people in the Waterville area. Once again, the dance will be held at the Waterville Junior High School on the West River Road in Waterville. Invitations to the dance will be sent to Waterville schools in December. An online version of the invitation will also be available at [www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks/content/421/father-daughter-dance.php](http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks/content/421/father-daughter-dance.php).

Tickets for the event will go on sale at the Parks and Recreation Office on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Participants are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance by visiting the office during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm) or by mailing the RSVP card, payment and a self address stamped envelope to Waterville Parks and Recreation, 6 Wentworth Ct, Waterville, ME 04901. This will be the last year that tickets are sold at the door the night of the event. Starting in 2011, tickets will only be sold in advance.

