

Letter From The Director

Hello from Parks and Recreation;

Our two big winter events are behind us and I'm proud to say that both went off without a hitch thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers!

On Saturday, February 5th we held our 2nd annual winter carnival at Quarry Road Recreation Area. We could not have had a more beautiful day. People from all over came to enjoy the day's festivities. Over 700 people took part in a wide array of activities including; nordic ski lessons, snowshoe tours and races, bonfire, laser biathlon demonstrations, winter mountain biking, tree maze, sliding hill and (free) soups/stews and breads donated by local restaurants. This was truly a community event with support coming from local trail groups, hospitals, schools, businesses and volunteers.

On behalf of the City of Waterville, Friends of Quarry Road, Kennebec Messalonskēe Trails and Central Maine Ski Club we wanted to thank all who supported the event.

On Friday, February 11th we held our 17th annual Father-Daughter Dance at the Waterville Junior High. Approximately 500 little girls and their father's (not that they noticed!) joined us for a night of music, dancing, snacks and socializing. A good time was had by all.

We're very happy to report the Maine National Guard will be in Waterville this June helping to rebuild/widen a portion of Quarry Road. The gravel road will be wide enough to accommodate 2-way traffic for special events and meets. Time permitting, they'll also be installing an additional parking area near the meadow. The Quarry Road Recreation Area is quickly becoming a recreation destination for many in the area.

Another exciting project being undertaken this year is the completion of the Waterville Connector Trail. Waterville Public Works plans to get going on this as soon as things dry out this spring. The Connector Trail will connect pedestrians and cyclists from our existing trail on North Street to Head of Falls, the 2-Cent Bridge and ultimately, with Kennebec Messalonskēe Trails in Winslow and Benton.

Spring is undoubtedly the busiest time of year for our Parks crew. Lots to do with little time to do it! Once the snow melts, our crew goes "all-out" through the end of August. Typical projects we undertake each spring/summer include; trail maintenance, tree planting, re-mulching park and playground surfaces, community garden set-up, ball field maintenance and painting and getting the Municipal Pool Complex ready for opening (June 18th this year).

Matt Skehan

Director – Parks and Recreation

Recreation News

Springtime is in the air, and that means recreation is gearing up once again. We are just finishing another successful winter season of adult volleyball, men's league basketball and youth basketball tournaments.

Softball is back! We have three adult leagues that run from Mid May to the end of August including men's league and two adult coed leagues. Bash league is a "recreational" league. Smash league is a more competitive league. We will be accepting teams into each division until April 22nd. Unfortunately, we do not take individual team player registrations, teams only.

We're also gearing up for our youth softball program. This year we're hoping to have 3 teams. This will be our fifth season playing in the Fairfield PAL Association. We play against teams from Fairfield, Albion, Clinton, Benton and Winslow. Thanks to Cleveland Brown who organizes this league for all the teams. Go Panthers, Pumas and Bobcats!

On Saturday, April 23rd, we will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Waterville Jr. High School. Approximately 150 children ages 3 – 7 came out to meet the Easter Bunny last year, and hunt for eggs. We're planning to "hide" 6,000 eggs this year!

We're working hard in the office to prepare the summer programs and finalize the brochure. The Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. Some of the programs include: arts & crafts, tennis lessons, golf lessons, track & field and tiny tykes good time hour. This year we'll once again be collaborating with the Alford Youth Center on a summer enrichment program for children ages 6 – 12. Look for our brochure in May.

As always, we're excited for the opening of the Municipal Pool Complex. This outdoor facility has something for all ages. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm, and Saturday & Sundays from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Enjoy the spring and summer!

***Bobbie-Jo Green**
Recreation Coordinator*

Important Dates

April 2, 2011
Boston Bruins Trip

April 23, 2011
Easter Egg Hunt

June 1, 2011
Registration
for Summer
Programs Begins

July 17, 2011
Sea Dogs Trip

July 22, 2011
Red Sox Trip

Look for the
2011 Summer
Brochure in May



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2011 Central Maine Basketball Conference Champions



5th Grade Girls - Augusta



5th Grade Boys - Winslow



6th Grade Girls - Messalonskee



6th Grade Boys - Winthrop

Spring/Summer Calendar

April 2, 2011 ~ Boston Bruins Trip

April 18, 2011 ~ Patriots Day

April 22, 2011 ~ Earth Day

April 23, 2011 ~ Easter Egg Hunt

April 23, 2011 ~ Earth Day Road Race & Activities

May 30, 2011 ~ Memorial Day

June 1, 2011 ~ Registration for Summer Programs Starts

June 18, 2011 ~ Alford Municipal Pool Opens

June 27, 2011 ~ Summer Programs Start

July 4, 2011 ~ Fourth of July

July 17, 2011 ~ Sea Dogs Trip

July 22, 2011 ~ Boston Red Sox Trip

August 19, 2011 ~ Summer Programs End

August 21, 2011 ~ Alford Municipal Pool Closes

September 5, 2011 ~ Labor Day

October 1, 2011 ~ Fall Foliage Trip

October 10, 2011 ~ Columbus Day

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

2011 Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us on Saturday, April 23rd for the 24th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the fields behind the Waterville Junior High School off of the West River Road. In case of poor field conditions, the parking lot will be utilized for the hunt. This event is open to children ages 3 - 7. The hunt will start promptly at 10:00 am and is free to the public. Participants should plan on arriving approximately 15 minutes prior to start time.

The Easter Bunny will be present to meet with children and assist in the search for more than 6,000 hidden eggs. Children should bring a basket or other container to collect their eggs and dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

Recreational Area Spotlight

Alfond Municipal Pool Complex

This is the 13th year of operation at our extremely popular outdoor family aquatic facility located on North Street. Attendance continues to soar as people of all ages take advantage of the diversity of aquatic opportunities available. You can stay cool at our pool by enjoying many of the amenities our facility offers such as: a 6 lane, 25 meter pool, a family swim area, a zero-entry area with a "raindrop", an 18" deep kiddy pool with frog slide, a 12" deep kiddy pool with a whale and turtle "little squirts", a spray pool with 16 water jets, and a slide pool featuring a twister and tube slide.

The pool complex also features a snack shack.

We invite you to visit our pool facility (often for guaranteed fun and enjoyment!

Discount Passes - Funtown/Splashtown

Once again this year, Waterville Parks and Recreation will be participating in the Maine Recreation and Parks Association sale of discount passes to Funtown/Splashtown. The combo pass is good for one day and provides access for both Funtown and Splashtown and all rides. The passes are for those 48 inches and taller and cost \$26.00 each. Passes will go on sale after May 1, 2011 and will be on sale through September 2, 2011.

For more information, please contact the office at 680-4744.

Adult Summer Softball Season

Pre-season captains meetings for the upcoming adult summer softball season will be held in March. The Men's League captains will meet on Monday, March 21st and the Smash & Bash captains will meet on Tuesday, March 22nd. Both meetings will be held at 140 Western Avenue (Parks & Recreation Garage). The meetings will start promptly at 5:30 pm. All interested parties should plan on attending. Please check our website at www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks for more information.

Facebook

Waterville Parks and Recreation can now be found on Facebook. We hope to use our Facebook page to interact with members of the community. We would love to hear your thoughts about current programs, future programs you would like to see and area recreation facilities. This page will also be utilized to update individuals about program information (cancellations, etc.). Please check out our page and let us know what you think.

1st Annual Mother Son Pool Party

Waterville Parks and Recreation is proud to announce our 1st annual Mother Son Pool Party to be held in July at the Alfond Municipal Pool Complex located on North Street for grades kindergarten through 5th. We've been listening to your thoughts and comments the last few years and hope to make this a special annual event much like the Father Daughter Dance.

Details are still pending and we hope to have invitations out to Waterville Schools in June. Please spread the word and let everyone know about this exciting upcoming event. We hope to have details posted on our website soon.

Please remember, this event is for mothers (or a favorite female guardian) and sons only.