

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

SUMMER WRAP UP FOR PARKS & RECREATION

Hello Everyone, from the Parks Department. Our crews have put away the mowers and trimmers and moved on to several fall maintenance projects including: pool winterization; park, field, trail and playground winterization; leaf pick-up; field aeration; equipment maintenance, etc. We've also been especially busy with enhancements at Quarry Road as part of the Harold Alfond Foundation match grant. To follow are a few notable projects:

- With help from the Colby Crew team and Colby carpenters, we installed a 10'x60' dock behind the maintenance building. This will be a wonderful addition to the recreational offerings at the area. Messalonskee Stream as seen from the water is beautiful!
- We're about halfway complete with our expanded trail lighting project. Three years ago we installed posts with LED lights on about ½ mile of our trails. This year we've more than doubled the area of lit trails. When daylight savings kicks in and it's dark at 4pm, the expanded lights will be a welcome addition.
- Just last week, we began clearing what will probably be our final (Nordic) trail addition at Quarry Road. It's approximately 1 mile in length and can be accessed off the North Koon's trail. It's a challenging trail that visitors should enjoy. The trail will be named Wally's Way, in honor of an amazing volunteer that has been a huge part of the success at Quarry Road. Waterville native, Wally



Donovan, seen in the photos above, has been with us from the beginning and is always willing to do whatever he can to help. If he's not unlocking buildings at 6am in the middle of the winter he's positioning snow guns, spreading woodchips, smoothing ruts, or helping kids make s'mores at the annual winter carnival. The City and Friends of Quarry Road appreciate all he does.

RECREATION NEWS

With summer behind us, Parks and Recreation is gearing up for winter. Fall men's

league softball has just finished its season, and fall/winter volleyball is underway. We'll be switching gears soon into basketball season and special events. Once again we'll be coordinating the Central Maine Basketball Conference for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls travel basketball teams. We begin the season in December and will finish up in February. We're also preparing basketball tournaments and of course, our Annual Father/Daughter dance, scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2017. Check out our facebook page for all the exciting events and sports program information.

Matt Skehan, Director of Parks & Recreation

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QUARRY ROAD RECREATION AREA NEWS & EVENTS



Central Maine Dryland Challenge

The Quarry Road Recreation Area once again hosted the Central Maine Dryland Challenge on Saturday and Sunday, October 22nd and 23rd. This is the third year that Down East Sled Dog Club has chosen the Quarry Road Recreation Area to host the event. A great time was had by all of the participants and spectators that weekend.

NESCAC - College Cross Country Running Championships

On Saturday, Oct. 29th, Quarry Road hosted its 1st College Cross Country Running Championships. The NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference), which

Saturday, November 5



fall

Festival

Free event 10am-1pm!



- Pumpkin bowling
- Hill climbing at 10:30
- Apple slinging starts at 11
- Trail walking & bike riding
- Orienteering
- Apple eating and cider drinking
- Face painting . . . *and more!*

Learn about winter ski programs

Season ski passes available at discounted rates!

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Event partners:








includes 11 men's and 11 women's teams, competed on our challenging course. Nearly 200 runners and over 700 spectators were in attendance.

Quarry Road Trails Fall Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 5, the community is invited from 10am-1pm for the Quarry Road Trails Fall Festival. All are invited to this free community event to enjoy fun activities, explore the trails and learn about winter programs, volunteering, recent updates and future plans. Family-friendly activities will include trail walks, a hay bale maze, pumpkin bowling, orienteering, apple slinging, and face painting. Participants are encouraged to bring their mountain bikes to try out the

pump track or go for a ride on the trails, including more than a mile of new single track trail. Season ski passes for will be on sale at discounted rates and information about youth ski programs will be available.

Central Maine Ski Club 5K Run Biathlon

Sunday, Nov 6, is the Central Maine Ski Club's annual 5k Run Biathlon. No prior experience is necessary to participate. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, please visit www.centralmaineskiclub.org.

For more information on the Quarry Road Recreation Area please visit <http://quarryroad.org/>