

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2011

*Background notes for Tuesday, October 11th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

As Monday, October 10th is the Columbus Day holiday, the Park and Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 11th at 7 PM in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

TOWN HALL MOVE

Just a reminder...the Public Services Administration Building (PSAB) will close at 12 Noon on Friday, October 7th, including Park and Recreation. The Town Hall departments will finish their packing, and the movers will start preparing everything for Saturday's move back to Town Hall. PSAB will re-open on Tuesday, October 11 at 8:30 AM with just the Park and Recreation Department and Planning and Community Development offices open to the public. Town Hall will remain closed on Tuesday, but will re-open to the public on Wednesday, October 12th at 8:30 AM. PSAB will be cleaned and re-set up for the departments moving in, and that anticipated date is the weekend of November 18-20. There are so many details related to the Town Hall move, the interim period without other departments, and the move-in of the other departments!!! We'll truly miss our colleagues who will be moving back to Town Hall, but are excited for our other colleagues from DPW, Building and Public Facilities to join us at PSAB!

NEEDHAM 300 CLEAN-UP DAY

Just a reminder – the next Needham 300 Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, October 15th. Groups and individuals ready to help out will meet at PSAB at around 8:30 AM to receive their assignments and trash bags and then head out to various parks to clean-up trash. The volunteers did a great job at the spring clean-up! The DPW will be holding their Hazardous Waste drop-off on the same morning. They utilize the DeFazio driveway for all incoming traffic and DPW for outgoing traffic, so they will have monitors to insure that those needing to get to the athletic fields at DeFazio will have access and parking, and those coming to PSAB for their clean-up assignment will have access.

NEEDHAM 300 GALA

With the Commission's approval at the last meeting, the Needham 300 Committee has moved forward with finalizing the plans for the Gala on November 5th. The evening event will primarily take place at Greene's Field, and the request for all permits is underway, including building permit, food permit, and temporary liquor license. A small portion of the evening will be held at Town Hall. Earlier in the day, there will be children's activities on the Common, a dedication at Town Hall, and a "mini-gala" for those not able to attend the larger evening Gala. The final Needham 300 event will take

place on Sunday, November 6th with a service sponsored by the Clergy Association, and that will bring to a close an amazing year of celebrations!

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION LEGISLATION UPDATE

It appears that the House has passed an amendment to the casino bill that would put a small percentage of licensing fees into the state's CPA fund, and a small percentage of revenues. The proposed changes to the legislation still sit with the House Ways and Means. The amendment to the casino bill could possibly help move the CPA bill to a 3rd reading in the House and a vote, and then be moved to the Senate.

GREENE'S FIELD

The advisory group will meet, again on October 13th and will have presentations from two playground companies to start the process of learning what types of options are available. A 3rd company will meet with them on October 17th. These companies won't be giving actual proposals, as it is too early in the process.

COMMUNITY CENTER OF NEEDHAM, INC.

This group was formerly known as the Lifelong Community Center. They are hosting a roundtable discussion with "stakeholders" on Friday, October 28 from 8-10 AM. It is hoped that one member of the Commission will be able to attend this meeting with me.