

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 5, 2012

*Background notes for Monday, July 9th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

ADIRONDACK CHAIR

Special thanks to two Park and Recreation summer staff members for the outstanding job they did painting the Adirondack chair which is part of a display and fundraising campaign of the Needham Business Association. Rosemary Pool staff member Bridget Chisholm and Summer Program staff member Chelsea Donovan did an outstanding job depicting what the department is about, especially in the summer – I wish they could have heard all the compliments that were given on July 4th when the chair was on display at Memorial Park. It is now on display at PSAB, just outside our office.

SUMMER

The pool and programs have had great starts to the season. Rosemary Pool is finishing up Week 3 of 10, already...and the Programs are finishing up Week 2 of 8. After months of planning and preparation, the actual summer just flies by! Cindy Chaston and I will be going on a tour of the programs – if any other Commissioner would like a tour of programs and/or pool, just let me know. We are happy to have you meet this year's great staff.

POSSIBLE CPA PROJECTS

A list of possible CPA projects is included in the meeting packet. The majority of projects relate to ideas that have been suggested for use of recreation funds, but the list also includes non-recreation projects that could “compete” for funds. The draft list has been given to the Town Manager and the School Superintendent, as some that might be a priority for the Commission are on properties under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee. The CPC does not accept applications without permission of the specific landowner.

PARK AND RECOrd

This is the weekly summer newsletter for the staff...this is year 11. The supervisors collect information from the staff, and Nicole and Karen share information and highlights with me. I then put it all together into something that most staff eagerly wait to read on Fridays. We'll share copies with the Commission so you can get a good feeling for the fun the staff is having while handling positions that aren't always fun or easy!
