

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 7, 2012

*Background notes for Monday, September 10th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

VANDALISM

We have needed to contact the Police Department on several issues related to vandalism in recent weeks. A small vehicle drove onto the fields at Pollard, creating deep divots on the playing surface. A DPW worker observed a truck, after NHS practices last week, creating divots in the surface of the DeFazio parking lot. The building at the camp property was broken into, again. High Rock, in the Town Forest, has lots of broken glass, and evidence of small bonfires.

The bathrooms at Memorial Park were vandalized sometime on September 6th. The Police have been notified, as have the Trustees of Memorial Park.

FALL PROGRAMS

Preparations are underway for the fall programs. Most programs will start in late September/early October, but a few that are held outdoors begin earlier, including tennis lessons and golf lessons. The Senior Golf League's fall session already began in late July. The new program with the Community Farm needs some additional registrations in order to begin next week. The tennis courts at Newman and the asphalt area at Pollard with the painted overlay for Quickstart courts are finished and ready for use.

SOD PROJECT AT DeFAZIO

The sodding project at DeFazio began this morning. All work should be complete within the week. As soon as the root system seems strong enough on Healy and Warner, groups will come back on to use. They temporarily have alternate locations. I got a preview of how the work is done – its like a grass zamboni!
