

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 5, 2013

*Background notes for Monday, July 8th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

SUMMER IS HERE!

The pool has been in action since Saturday, June 22nd with lots of busy days. Swimming lessons began on Monday, July 1st with lots of eager swimmers. The programs had two afternoons of “sneak peak” on June 27th and 28th at Cricket, allowing children to participate in sample activities from each program, and giving parents a chance to meet staff. We certainly picked up some registrations from that event, and it was a good chance for all of the staff to work together before moving onto their separate sites. The programs began on Monday, July 1st. In the office, we are settling into summer mode. Instead of being “beyond crazy” it is just “crazy” with registrations, change of fiscal year, and the beginning stages of the new accounting/payroll software.

JULY 3rd and 4th

The Exchange Club, once again, put on a spectacular two-day event this year. Though the weather looked challenging on the morning of July 3rd, it completely changed by mid-afternoon and it was a beautiful night. There is a photo on the Facebook page “52 Weeks of Needham” taken from the High School hill that just shows a “sea” of heads. The parade was great, though the day was hot – and the pool was busy all day – and free to all who visited. Commissioner Cindy Chaston was very involved with all of the planning, set-up, and action; Commissioner Dave DiCicco helped build a wonderful float with the Village Club.

AQUEDUCT TRAIL

The MWRA took reports from Boston Globe West on a tour of sections of the Sudbury Aqueduct this week, and I joined them for the sections near the Eliot School. I’ll be attending a meeting in mid July with other communities along the Sudbury Aqueduct to discuss the trail project with the MWRA. Framingham has opened their section, and hopefully others will over the next year, including Needham. As a reminder, Needham has two sections: one comes through Babson and Olin College. The second section enters back into Needham from Wellesley, past the Eliot School and over Echo Bridge into Newton.

NEW SELECTMAN

Last week, I met with newly elected Selectman Marianne Cooley. She is meeting with all department managers to learn more about goals and upcoming important projects – and issues.
