

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**April 11, 2008**

*Background notes for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION**

The CPC will hold its public hearing on project proposals on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 PM in the Pollard Auditorium. They are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM at the Newman School Conference Room to begin their deliberations and hopefully vote on the proposals.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

Tour of DPW Site	Saturday, April 12	9 AM – 11 AM	DPW
Board of Appeals	Thursday, April 17	9 PM	Library
Fishing Derby	Saturday, May 3	9 AM – Noon	Reservoir
Touch the Trucks	Saturday, May 17	10 AM – Noon	DeFazio Parking Lot

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**PLAYGROUNDS**

There is an opportunity for 15 MetroWest communities to apply for a \$125,000 grant for a Boundless Playground. This has specific criteria to meet this company's concept of ADA and they partner with specific playground manufacturers who are willing to work within their restrictions. I sent the information to the Newman School principal and she has asked a School Council parent to create a playground committee to start the process for replacing their wooden structure. I've met with the parent, and we agreed to apply for the grant. I'm not confident that the available models will meet the school's desires, but I also don't know that Needham would receive the grant. But, at least, the process of replacing the playground is started!

The private contractor will be starting his updating of the surfacing at playgrounds once our delivery of surfacing arrives in the next week. He tries to do as many schools as possible during April vacation. He has already walked each site, and overall there are no major concerns.

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**NEW SELECTMAN**

The department managers met with the newest member of the Board of Selectmen Denise Garlick on Thursday. Each department gave a brief update of current work and issues for the future. As active as Mrs. Garlick has been with the Town, including her tenure on the Board of Health, she was still impressed with the volume of information she was given!

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### **INTERVIEW PANEL**

I've been asked to serve on the interview team for the Director of Public Facilities – Maintenance. Applications are being accepted, and next week the panel will narrow down the number of applicants to those who will be interviewed. Hopefully, the interview will be completed by early May.

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### **SUMMER IS HERE!**

If you stop by the office, you'll see lots of work going on related to summer. Tennis badges and pool passes are on sale, and even though the temperature has been cool, some people have been making their purchases!

The brochure is on its final review before going to the printer, and the registration material is all being put together. The staff training sessions are being scheduled, and staff manuals are being updated and ready for print!

It usually comes too quickly – but somehow we manage to be ready!