

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**November 5, 2015**

*Background notes for Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**DPW PARKS AND FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT RECEIVES AWARD**

This morning, the DPW Parks and Forestry Superintendent Ed Olsen received the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Commitment to Community Award at the Chamber's 100<sup>th</sup> annual Achievement Breakfast. Ed was commended for his work over five years at improving the quality of the Town's athletic fields, as well as his contributions to the Needham Dog Park and his work on the rail trail project. Needham High graduate and Olympian Mary Mazzio was a speaker at the breakfast.

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**TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY**

Just a reminder...the Town-Wide Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Bag pick-up is at the PSAB parking lot for the morning clean-up. People who aren't able to come by that morning are welcome to schedule a different time with Assistant Director Robyn Fink. A variety of community groups have been reaching out to Robyn to register their programs. A club from Needham High will be doing the trash pick-up at Memorial Park and the High School!

The RTS Superintendent Greg Smith will come to the Commission's November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to discuss the weekly trash pick-up at parks.

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**TREE PLANTINGS**

As part of a mitigation and settlement, the Town received about 20 trees for park plantings. Ed Olsen had them planted at Cusick Field, Claxton Field and Walker-Gordon Field. They all are part of his long-term vision for trees, and have the advantage of this unusual November weather to help them acclimate before the winter. Trees from the Town's nursery are also being added to Avery Field, along the driveway to the condos.

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**FALL FIELD SEASON**

The athletic fields are still active for the Needham High teams in the post-season. Football, Field Hockey, Girls Soccer and Boys Soccer are all highly seeded, as are the other fall teams – Girls Swimming/Diving, Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Varsity Cheer. Congratulations to all the teams!

Junior Football and Fall Baseball have finished successful fall seasons, and the Soccer Club is working in their final practices/games around the High School schedule. After November 15, the remaining permitted uses will be practices for Needham High football as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Day game vs. Wellesley, and any other NHS teams still in post-season play.

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