

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**November 19, 2015**

*Background notes for Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**OFFICE UPDATE**

We are pleased to have Recreation Supervisor Sarah Mallard now working with us in the office. This is her first week, and she is already working on projects for Friday's Kids Night Out and Saturday's Turkey Hunt...a very busy first week. Sarah's experience and enthusiasm is a great addition to our team!

The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – but will be open regular hours Monday-Wednesday and Friday.

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**LAND SWAP PROPOSAL**

The Town Manager has put together a FIRST DRAFT of a proposal to discuss the swapping of jurisdictions, primarily between the Selectmen, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the School Committee. This is not a formal plan, but a starting point for discussion between the three boards.

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**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PARKS**

The National Recreation and Park Association has just released a lengthy report on the economic impact of parks – local, regional, state and federal. Combined, \$140 billion of economic impact has been generated, with over 1 million jobs supported. To read the report, go to this link:

[http://www.nrpa.org/parkeconreport/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eml%5Fnrpa%5Fgeneric](http://www.nrpa.org/parkeconreport/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eml%5Fnrpa%5Fgeneric)

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEEDHAM HIGH ATHLETICS**

As this is written, Needham High School Girls Soccer Team is preparing to play in the state championships on Saturday, and the Football team is preparing to take on Wellesley at Fenway Park on Thanksgiving Day. All of the fall NHS sports programs had successful seasons!

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