

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 7, 2017

*Background notes for Tuesday, April 11th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

DANCING WITH THE NEEDHAM STARS

The Park and Recreation Staff wishes Commissioner Chris Gerstel all the best as he performs in Dancing with the Needham Stars on Saturday night. He has helped raise lots of money for the Needham Community Council, and the Needham Women's Club who will in turn support many Needham organizations. The event has been sold out for weeks, with a long wait list for tickets!!

APRIL MEETING DATES

As a reminder...the April 10th meeting was moved to **Tuesday, April 11 at 7 PM**, as Passover starts at sundown on 4/10. The location/time of the April 24th meeting will also change. The meeting will be held at Center at the Heights, prior to the League of Women Voters meeting. The time is to be determined, but will be either 6 PM or 6:30 PM.

TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP

The spring session of the Town-Wide Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 8th. We've reached out to all public and private schools, almost 20 organizations, and with the field conditions not looking great for Saturday, I also let the sports organizations know (they often want to help, but conflicts with their programs).

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

The public forum was held on April 5th. Attendance was small, but most of those who came to the meeting spoke up in support of action items or had questions, so it was a productive dialogue. Each attendee was asked to mark the goal that was of highest priority on a chart, so that will be helpful information.

The Commission will continue their discussion on priorities at the meeting, and will be joined by Selectman Dan Matthews.

POP UP SKATE PARK

Our skateboard instructor Ben Kerrigan has been helping out in the office and at programs this winter/spring. I gave him the honor of reaching out to the company to start the purchasing process for the portable skate park. They have been responsive with the required paperwork, so once we have them set up as a vendor and have a purchase order, we will be able to order the items. Ben appreciates the support for this activity!
