



CITY OF CONCORD

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City Manager's Office

Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.
City Manager

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 31, 2024
FROM: Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager
SUBJECT: Citizen Comments

Recommendation:

Recommend City Council accept this report.

Background:

Attached for your information are citizen comments received during the past month.

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Attachments

Stevens, Suzanne

From: Aspell, Thomas
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Stevens, Suzanne
Subject: FW: Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: NH LIGHTNING SOFTBALL <nhlightningpresident@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Andersch, John <JAndersch@Concordnh.Gov>
Cc: Gill, David <DGill@ConcordNH.gov>; Aspell, Thomas <TAspell@ConcordNH.gov>; BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>
Subject: Thank you

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We cannot thank you and the city staff for the amazing work you did for the Caroline Farley Memorial Tourney this weekend.

The tourney is run by our Concord based non profit league and hosted 60 teams of girls from throughout New England who stayed in our hotels, ate lots of food in our restaurants and every dollar that we made from the tourney is reinvested in helping the non profit make donations that maintain and improve city fields through local rec programs, provide free, builds the pipeline for Concord High softball and low cost clinics and scholarship for low income girls.

I cannot express enough how consistently supported we feel by David, you and the team(Wheels is amazing).

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Our best,

Liz Purdy & Mike Vlacich
NH Lightning Travel Softball

Stevens, Suzanne

From: Gill, David
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 8:29 AM
To: Stevens, Suzanne
Subject: FW: Concord Parks and Rec- Thank you

Good morning Sue,

Another nice note regarding staff doing a great job and hoping you can share next council meeting. Dan is our FT Recreation Supervisor who handles all the camps, programs etc.

Hope all is well,

David

From: Ryan Kosowicz <ryankosowicz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Bryant, Laura <LBryant@ConcordNH.gov>
Cc: Emily Lemnah <eelemnah@yahoo.com>; Lamoureux, Daniel <DLamoureux@ConcordNH.gov>; Weed, Kat <KWeed@ConcordNH.gov>
Subject: Re: Concord Parks and Rec

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Good morning

Dan is just the Best!

We are so appreciative of him and the summer program!

Dan is awesome from staying and cheering in Kinsley at swim lessons. Which is way above and beyond. To being a wonderful role model and counselor. We love the camp and call it camp Dan in appreciation of how much fun it is!

Thank you
Ryan
Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Lemnah <eelemnah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 6:44 PM
To: Lamoureux, Daniel <DLamoureux@ConcordNH.gov>; Ryan Kosowicz <ryankosowicz@hotmail.com>

Cc: Weed, Kat <KWeed@ConcordNH.gov>; Bryant, Laura <LBryant@ConcordNH.gov>

Subject: Re: Concord Parks and Rec- Summer Camp Week 4

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Hi Dan,

I just wanted to say thank you to you guys for all your hard work and dedication to the kids. Kinsley is having a blast, and Ryan just called me about her swim lesson and how you took the time to come over and encourage her to jump in the pool. She's often pretty cautious about doing things like that, and your encouragement was very motivating for her. He also said she was brave enough to finally go underwater, which is a big step for her!

Thank you guys for all that you do :-)

Emily and Ryan

Stevens, Suzanne

From: Gill, David
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 1:15 PM
To: Stevens, Suzanne
Cc: Aspell, Thomas
Subject: FW: Sending Along Kudos

Good afternoon Sue,

Another nice email letting us know staff are doing a great job. Was hoping you could include at next Council meeting under positive comments.

Hope all is well

David

From: Hannah Hounsell <hannah1113@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 12:03 PM
To: * Recreation <recreation@concordnh.gov>
Subject: Sending Along Kudos

Hi folks,

I wanted to send a message to commend everyone who is part of Concord Parks and Recreation for all their hard work. This group is one of the most involved, kind, professional, organized Parks and Recs groups I've ever had the pleasure to interact with. And you all do so much to make sure that the Concord community is vibrant, welcoming, and fun. The Facebook page is always so communicative and reliable! My husband and I have been using the pools this summer and we are so pleased that they are available for community members to use. What a treat that most towns don't get!!

Keep up the good work and thank you so much!

Best,
Hannah

Stevens, Suzanne

From: Gill, David
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Aspell, Thomas; Stevens, Suzanne
Subject: FW: Turn 2 Tournament

Hi Sue,

I was hoping you could include in upcoming city council meeting under positive comments.

This past holiday weekend (Friday - Sunday) we hosted one of the largest youth softball tournaments in the state. Nice email below from their tournament director. This is an annual tournament we host 😊

Any questions please let me know.

David

David Gill
Parks & Recreation Director



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From: Megan Hotaling <megan.hotaling@nhcomets.org>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 3:01 PM
To: Andersch, John <JAndersch@Concordnh.Gov>
Subject: Turn 2 Tournament

Hi John,

I wanted to send an email to you following the Turn 2 tournament, hosted by the New Hampshire Comets softball non-profit organization.

Brand new to this role as tournament director, I did not know what to expect with hosting the largest softball tournament in New Hampshire. I am really lucky that the Comets continue to maintain a great relationship with the Parks and Rec department, because you all were incredible to work with this weekend.

All of the fields we used were in great shape - dragged and lined well, clean, and staffed. It put my mind at ease and made things much smoother for us at Rolfe, Rollins, Reed, and Memorial fields.

I had the pleasure of working at Memorial field all weekend with Justin Wheeler and Jay Barry. They were fantastic to work with as well. I actually learned a lot from both of them and they were super patient with me this weekend - as a new tournament director I'm learning as I go.

Families and coaches alike had all great things to say about the locations and the fields. Thank you for ensuring us a great space for our teams to play - we hosted 79 in total, and over 153 games. We are lucky to be a part of this great community and continue to work with you.

Thank you especially for lining and dragging fields for us this weekend, John! Everything was great!

Sincerely,

Megan Hotaling
Tournament Director
NH Comets

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June 27, 2024

Chief John Chisholm
Concord Fire Department
24 Horseshoe Pond Road - #3
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chief Chisholm,

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to a member of your organization, Captain David Dumas.

On June 13, 2024, at approx. 1517 hours, the Bedford Fire Department was toned to a Motor Vehicle Accident with injury on the F.E. Everett Turnpike southbound, at the Bedford toll plaza. It was reported a vehicle had struck a toll booth barrier and caught fire. Upon arrival, crews observed a single vehicle into the barrier, fully involved.

During the initial investigation, it was learned that three bystanders had worked together to remove the operator from the vehicle through the driver's side window. These bystanders also began CPR, and continued lifesaving efforts until Fire and Police units arrived. Sadly, the injuries sustained by the operator were significant, and he did not survive. However, there is little doubt that the heroic action taken by Captain Dumas had increased the occupants' chances of survival significantly.

On behalf of myself and the members of the Bedford Fire Department, we wish to offer our sincere gratitude to Captain Dumas for his assistance. At great risk to himself, he acted selflessly and without pause in his lifesaving attempts. His actions that day were courageous and admirable.

Respectfully,



Chief Scott Hunter

Bedford Fire Department