

## Parks Department Updates

April 2019

The Perimeter Path at Pirone Park has become quite popular, with many positive comments coming in about the nearly half mile loop that encompasses the perimeter of the west side of the park. A & J Construction have been doing some final grading and grounds repair work, and the Parks Department is doing much of the finish work, which will continue through the spring. We hope to incorporate some activities with the path going forward, including some exercise programs and a “read as you walk” storybook setup for younger children.

The Youth Volleyball program, recently revived this spring, is up and running and is doing well with its new coordinator Andrea Tavares. The program is for players in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and offers multilevel skills instruction and games.

The first Pirone Park Egg Hunt was in danger of getting rained out, but the weather held back enough to give it a go and see who might come. Over 100 participants ended up coming out and managed to find over 3,000 eggs (thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time to stuffing them!) strewn about through the playground and lower field. There was also an appearance by the Easter Bunny, who patiently posed for many photo requests. We hope to make this an annual event going forward.

Youth soccer, baseball and softball are all in full season, which means Pirone Park is a busy place almost every afternoon and evening. While the weather has been cold and wet for most of April, players are still able to enjoy their games and practices with hopes of sunnier days ahead.

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