

## Parks Department Updates

May 2021

For the first time in almost two year, Pirone Park is fully operational, with something happening on every field almost every night between baseball, softball, soccer, group outings and other various activities. It has been a bit emotional for those of us who work and volunteer at the Parks Department to see things finally get back to this level of activity, a sign we may indeed be heading toward a level of normalcy that almost seemed forgotten.

Sandy Pond Beach also reopened for swimming for the first time in almost two years. Although the weather was not ideal due to cold and rainy conditions, we still had some visitors come to get back to their beloved town beach and expect to have quite a few visitors as the weather gets warmer. The Parks Commission will be reviewing the resident/non-resident admittance policy through the season to determine if conditions warrant a return to allowing non-residents to use the facility for a fee.

Work has begun on the bocce court at the Sandy Pond facility and should be completed by mid-June. This is yet another Eagle Scout project that exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism among our community's youth, something that is greatly needed to help raise spirits in these somewhat dark but brightening times.

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