

## Parks Department Updates

May 2022

May is the busiest month for the Parks Department due to all the activities at Pirone and the start of the swim season at Sandy Pond Beach. Practically every field has an activity on it each day, some more than one with school team use for baseball and softball. This season is particularly busy due to the ASRSD needing to move most of their games and practices to other fields while the field project is underway. The Parks Department has always enjoyed a great working relationship with the school administration is setting up shared facility use agreements that allow both to utilize each other's fields and courts to everyone's mutual benefit. The current Athletic Director, Steve Kendall, has been tremendous in his consideration of the town's recreational needs and has helped us to maximize our programs' growth.

Sandy Pond officially opened for swimming on Memorial Day weekend. The beach will be open for swimming while lifeguards are on duty, which will be weekends until June 20 then daily until Labor Day. We may try to open on select days prior to then on especially hot days and if staffing can be arranged. Swim lessons will begin in mid July, and parents may sign up for them starting June 1.

The annual Summer Clinic and Camp series has opened their registrations and spaces are filling up quickly. This year we will be offering eight different summer camp opportunities for children ages Pre-K through entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Most are 3-4 days, run for 3-4 hours per session and cost \$30-\$65 depending on their length and age group. The Parks Department takes great pride in being able to offer these camps and clinics for an exceptionally low price to allow all families an opportunity to participate.

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