

Parks Department Updates

June 2022

We concluded the majority of spring youth sports played at Pirone this month. That included games and practices for AYBS softball and baseball, A/S Babe Ruth, AYS soccer, and ASRSD baseball and softball. We were also able to host a variety of events, including quite a few birthday and graduation celebrations, scouting events and even a movie night put on by APAC. We will continue to be busy with field activity from summer youth and adult baseball and softball league play, youth sports camps and a number of social events scheduled through the summer.

Swimming at Sandy Pond Beach went from weekends only to daily this month starting June 15. It has been a good start to the season with a solid number of patrons coming in each day. The busiest times are Tuesdays and Thursdays when the ACP group brings a busload of children in their care to the beach as well as weekends when the total patronage often tops 300 for the day. We track the number of people who come in each day, and the current ratio of resident/non-resident patrons is approximately 5:1. Parking has not been much of an issue so far, though we occasionally have to remind non-residents that the lower parking area is for residents with stickers only.

We have been working with Dr. Katie Petrossi of the COA on setting up pickle ball courts at the Pirone parking lot. We have ordered the equipment and are currently marking and painting courts on one section of the Pirone parking lot that we will block off for play each Tuesday morning starting in July. We also will be measuring out and painting courts at the ASRHS tennis courts to allow more public access to this activity that continues to rise in popularity, especially among seniors.

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