

Parks Department Updates

July 2023

The Beach has been open full time for swimming, including swim lessons being offered by CSI certified instructors. These are available in two sessions, both two weeks long consisting of eight lessons each. The lessons cover levels 1-5 and we are also offering a preschool and toddler level that include parent participation. Over 100 participants registered for the swim program, the most we have ever had.

The Summer Clinic series came to a close at the end of the month. As with swim lessons, we had the highest numbers for participation we have seen in the 15 years these have been offered. Around 250 players attended the clinics all together, and reports from those who participated were very positive. We are very grateful to the coaches and junior coaches who made these clinics so special.

Gagaball returned this summer starting in late July. This is the third year that Commissioner Melantic has run this program and it is extremely popular with those who participate. In an attempt to alleviate some of the parking issues that occurred in previous years at Sandy Pond, the location has moved to Pirone Park with the pit moved up to the concession stand area to make it more accessible.

Plans have begun for the upcoming soccer season, and the location of the AYB U4-U8 fields is still being determined. The usual location is field 2, but there were hopes to work on that field this fall to enhance the turf and level areas out near the hill. This would require the fields being redrawn on fields 6 and 3 for the fall to allow the new grass time to establish itself. Unfortunately the watering ban remains intact and would prohibit putting down seed to make that project happen, so unless that changes, we will stick with the usual locations for fields.

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