

Parks Department Updates

March 2024

With a relatively warm and dry start to the spring, we have been able to get a jump on field preparations for the upcoming season. As always, it comes down to ground temperature and saturation, particularly the clay surfaces of the baseball and softball fields. There was a good deal of work done on most fields this fall, particularly Field 1, and that has also helped get a good start to the early field prep. School teams will be looking to use fields as early as the first week of April, so anytime we can get an early jump of the fields is beneficial.

The spring volleyball program started the last week of March. The spring season is mostly used as an extension from the fall season, which parallels with the school girls' teams as well. Coordinator Andrea Tavares switches the focus more from individual skills training to games strategies. As has been the case for the last few seasons, this program is very popular and fills up in a hurry.

Registration has opened up for the summer camp and clinic series. The Parks Department will once again offer eight different camp/clinics, ranging in offerings for children pre-K-9th grade. These are offered at a relatively low cost to town residents, particularly in comparison to other programs offered in neighboring communities. Each are overseen by highly qualified instructors with assistance from junior coaches, mostly school varsity team players.

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